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M'ADOO TO ISSUE FIRST OFFICIAL ORDER TODAY

Director General To Wipe Out Competitive R. R. Conditions

Order Will Provide for Complete Pooling of Traffic, Equipment and Terminals and for Retention of Present Officers and Employees

Washington, Dec. 27.—Soon after American railroads go under government operation at noon tomorrow, Director General McAdoo will issue his first official order wiping out competitive conditions and providing for complete pooling of traffic, equipment, terminals and trackage facilities, and for the retention of present officers and employees. The immediate result will be a re-routing of traffic over the shortest lines, regardless of the company with which shipments originate and the common use of terminals to effect maximum efficiency. Without anticipating wonders under the new plan, officials look forward to material improvement in the present traffic congestion within a few weeks.

Speedy movement of freight will be the first aim of the director general. But the problems whose solution must press close on the heels of actual transportation questions are the equitable reimbursements of roads for the use of their property on the basis of pre-war earnings, increased earnings for railroad employees, financing of necessary improvement, building of additional lines or facilities and the tangled priority situation. Before most of these questions can be settled, special legislation will be necessary and to urge this President Wilson is preparing a message to be delivered to congress soon after it convenes after the holiday recess next Thursday. Legislation already has been drafted.

The legislation however, and problems dependent on it can await the deliberation of congress while Director McAdoo must get into action tomorrow with powers already conferred on him by President Wilson. First he will confer with the railroad war board of presidents whose services and advice he said today would be retained under the new administration. Then he will organize a corps of assistants and advisers, largely of experts of the interstate commerce commission in whose building he will maintain headquarters for railroad supervision. Mr. McAdoo said today he had given almost no thought to the personnel of his staff, and was not prepared to outline the details of his administration. He is determined however, to avoid disrupting any railroad organization or any agency already developed which can lend efficiency to the new order.

Allied the railroad war board, after being in executive session all day issued no statement commenting on government operation of railroads. Executives indicated privately they were well pleased with the promised situation and optimism was reflected in the unusual rise in railroad securities on stock exchanges. Hundreds of telegrams of congratulation poured in upon McAdoo.

A dubious note came from the capitol where several Republican members of congress expressed fear that the task was too big for the government to handle efficiently under war conditions and others criticized the appointment of Secretary McAdoo as director general.

The labor question under government operation was discussed with President Wilson during the day by heads of four railroad brotherhoods who renewed their pledge of loyalty to government administration. They spent an hour and a half with the president and it is understood they received assurances that most railway employees would not be liable to the next or even the second draft call by being placed in the second draft classification.

Mr. McAdoo tonight made his first public statement since his appointment last night, in a statement saying that at least until he has time to mature his plans, and policies, railroad operation "will be conducted thru existing railroad organization."

"This new task is of great magnitude and difficulty," said Mr. McAdoo. "It cannot be done in a moment and it cannot be done at all until the people of the United States as well as the officers and employees of the railroads, give the railroad direct their intelligent and patriotic support. I earnestly seek the co-operation and assistance of every good citizen in this great work."

"The operation of the railroads as a thoroughly unified system is of fundamental importance to the success of the war. Without it, we cannot get the effective use of our resources. The supreme test in this war will probably come in the year 1918. Victory will depend upon our speed and efficiency. Unless the railroads are equal to the demands of the situation, we cannot win."

"I can only say at the moment that the problem will be taken hold of vigorously and that plans and policies will be announced from time to time as rapidly as it is possible to mature them. Meanwhile the business will be conducted thru existing railroad organizations with all the support and power of the government asserted."

It is considered probable that Mr. McAdoo will retain the services of Judge Robert S. Lovett, director of priority for the war industries board with whom he conferred at length today and that he will be instructed to continue to receive orders from that source. Another priority question to be settled soon is that of co-ordinating the partial shipment instructions now is-

DISCONTINUE TRADING IN DECEMBER CORN

Chicago, Dec. 27.—All trading in corn for delivery in store by grade alone in Chicago in the month of December was ordered stopped by board of directors of the board of trade today. A committee will be named tomorrow to fix a price at which existing contracts will be settled. It was explained that the action of the board was merely to clear up existing contracts as trading in December corn virtually ceased sixty days ago.

WOODEN SHIP PROGRAM IS DECLARED A FAILURE

F. A. Bowles Testifies Before Senate Commerce Committee

Assistant General Manager of Shipping Board's Emergency Fleet Corporation Believes Wood Construction Venture is a Mistake.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The shipping board's wooden ship program was flatly called a failure today by F. A. Bowles, former naval constructor and now assistant to the general manager of the board's emergency fleet corporation. Summoned before the senate commerce committee to shed light on the causes of delays in building ships, Mr. Bowles said the wooden construction venture was a mistake and never should have been attempted. He said he had nothing to do with letting wooden contracts.

The program cannot be completed on time, he told the committee, because the country cannot furnish enough ship timber, the 458 awarded contracts calling for more lumber than is represented in the entire output of southern pine producers for a year. Most of them were placed in the east and south and specified pine timbers.

The wooden program, said Admiral Bowles, "was on a scale entirely beyond the country's production. Mills in the south have not delivered lumber half as fast as necessary and western mills have been almost as slow. Even if the timber supply had been plentiful wooden ships could not have been built as fast as steel."

Mr. Bowles took entire responsibility for changes in timber specifications and changes in the design of wooden ships. He said it was to make the vessels more seaworthy and had brought about little actual delay in construction. Ninety per cent of the labor put into construction of wooden vessels, he declared, could be used in steel ship yards.

MEAD INQUEST MAY BE COMPLETED TODAY

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 27.—The inquest into the death of Berne Mead, cashier of the State Trust & Savings Bank who was shot and killed in the bank's office last Sunday noon by Edgar A. Strause, president of the same institution, will probably be completed tomorrow, Coroner W. B. Elliott said on adjournment this afternoon.

The entire day was taken up with the testimony of additional witnesses to the circumstances surrounding the slaying.

While the inquest was going on Mead's body was being laid at rest in Springfield cemetery, following funeral services, which were largely attended.

Bought Gun Month Ago That Strause was in the habit of carrying a revolver was the statement made on the witness stand by David W. Norton, teller in the bank.

A. M. Bishop, a clerk in a sporting goods store, testified that a gun which Strause just a month ago told him to Strause was a month ago today.

That Chief of Police W. W. Rhoades telephoned for Frank Quinn and Joseph A. Weil, attorneys for Strause, before questioning the prisoner himself, or before the police department had investigated the case, was the statement made to the coroner's jury by Sol C. Salzenstein, a close friend of Strause.

Salzenstein also detailed to the coroner's jury two statements made by Strause immediately after the killing in one of which he told the witness:

"I had to kill him in self-defense," and in the other, "I asked for Berne's resignation, and he became a raving maniac."

Great crowds again filled the room at the court house where the inquest was conducted.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY TREASURER OUSTED

BELLEVILLE, Ill., Dec. 27.—Fred Warning, treasurer of St. Clair county, Illinois, was ousted this afternoon by the board of supervisors.

This action was taken on receipt of a report from the county auditor and from the committee of salaries and accounts that Warning was short \$79,000 in his accounts.

The attorney's delay action, saying that Warning was sick and therefore was unable to comply with the demand for an accounting. Members of the committee said they had called on Warning several times for an account of the funds but that he replied had been evasive.

The county auditor reported that Warning was short \$48,000 as county treasurer, and \$31,000 as county collector.

SENDS OUT INVITATIONS.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Samuel Insull, chairman of the state council of defense, today sent invitations to food administrators over every state urging them to attend the patriotic food demonstration here January 5-13, and announced that if enough administrators respond, an informal convention will be held at which plans for a national food demonstration will be made.

SWEEPING ADVANCE IN SECURITIES MARKET

Wall Street Endorses President's Railroad Decision

Upturn in Stock Quotations One of Most Sensational Seen in Years—Orders to Buy Pour Into Broker Offices.

New York, Dec. 27.—Wall street expressed unqualified endorsement of President Wilson's plan for the government to run the railroads, by a sweeping advance today in the securities market. The upturn was one of the most sensational seen in years. The assurance of net earnings and of the maintenance of railroad properties were the factors of the government program which pleased investors and dealers in stocks and bonds.

The pessimism of the last few months over the railroad outlook gave way to enthusiasm when the rather unexpected news from Washington was read in this morning's papers. Orders to buy poured into the broker offices from all over the country and the market was primed for a big advance long before it opened. Railroad shares especially those under greatest depression in the widespread decline of recent months reached extreme gains of five to ten points in the representative group, 12 to 13 points in the less active dividend issues and 2 to 3 points in numerous non-dividend stocks, including several not long out of their reorganization stage. The bond market for rails kept pace with the movement on stocks, various underlying or junior issues advancing 3 to 5 1/2 points. Greatest gains in the bond list were made by the coalers notably Erius, with substantial improvement in the convertible issues of western and southern roads, including grangers and cotton carriers.

Industrials and the many related stocks which figure in daily market dealings were ignored in the first upward swing of prices but were taken up vigorously later, on the theory that every line of trade will be stimulated by the upbuilding of the railroads.

Utilities also benefited by the scope of the administration's program which removes them from their doubtful status and Canadian securities gained 5 to 8 points on the increased rates to be granted to railroads operating in the dominion.

The only element adversely affected by the day's impressive advance was the short interest of bears as they are technically designated.

There was a heavy covering of short sales that here continued notwithstanding the restrictive measures adopted by the stock exchange. Profit-taking was a natural concomitant of the movement, but this had no appreciable effect, leading stocks holding within 1 to 2 points of their best at the less active close. Total sales approximated 1,200,000 shares. The largest turnover on the bull side since the early months of the year.

Conservative banking interests hesitated to express an opinion regarding the task ahead of the government because of the many new and difficult problems involved. They saw encouragement, however, for the financial situation in the plan to insure earnings and maintain railroad properties.

GERMANS ISSUE OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Berlin, Dec. 27.—via London.—The German official statement today says:

"Western Theater. Front of Crown Prince Rupprecht. On the British front fighting activity was lively at times at Houtholst wood, on the north bank of the Lyles and near Mouevres and Maroeing.

"Front of the German crown prince. Northwest of Rezonvaux (Verdun sector) after strong artillery and mine-bombing preparation, carried out a successful operation. In the morning reconnoitering detachments penetrated the French line. In the afternoon several companies, supported by flame-throwers and part of a storming battalion accompanied by infantry and 88 mm. guns, stormed the enemy's first trench on a width of 900 meters.

A French counter-attack broke down with heavy losses. After blowing up numerous shelters the storming troops returned according to orders to their departure positions with 100 prisoners and some machine guns.

"Front of Grand Duke Albrecht. A French detachment, which reached our front trenches to the north of Oter Burkhaupt, was driven back in a hand to hand encounter.

"Eastern Theater. There is nothing to report. In Macedonia there have been no events of importance."

AWAITS TRIAL

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 27.—Lieutenant J. W. Spaulding, sixth infantry is confined in his quarters at Chickamauga Park, it was announced today, awaiting trial by general court martial in connection with his relations with Baroness Zolner, who is held in the county jail on a charge of espionage.

THREE HUNDRED ARRESTED. London, Dec. 27.—More than 300 members of the German minority Socialist party were arrested on Christmas eve by the German military authorities, according to a Zurich dispatch given out today by the wireless press.

STATES ATTORNEYS MEET

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Only 45 of the 102 members were present today when the Illinois State's Attorneys association was called to order. MacLay Hoyne of Cook county and Lowell B. Smith, DeKalb county, president of the association, spoke.

War News Summarized

Terms under which teutonic allies would be willing to make "an immediate and general peace" have been made known to the Russian delegates engaged in the peace parlor at Brest-Litovsk. The terms have been set forth in an address by Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister.

As in previous teutonic allied intimations of what will be required from the German viewpoint to bring about a cessation of hostilities and eventual peace, the latest terms are hedged about by conditions which seemingly are insuperable from the standpoint of the United States and the entente allies.

The basic principles of the peace terms of the Russian revolutionary masses—no annexations and no indemnities—Count Czernin said he believed could be made the basis of a general peace, but that the teutonic allies could not bind themselves to these conditions until a guarantee were given that Russia's allies would recognize and fulfill them. Notable omissions in the statement of Count Czernin connected with the concrete demands of the United States, Great Britain and France as already known are the questions particularly of the return of Belgium and Serbia, the return of Alsace and Lorraine to France and the overthrow of the militaristic government in Germany and the formation in its place of a government that can be believed—the latter demand as set forth by President Wilson in his address to congress calling for war with Austria-Hungary.

Pending the placing of Count Czernin's proposals before Russia's allies, the Russian delegates to the peace conference have asked for a ten days recess in the negotiations at Brest-Litovsk.

Within the Russian empire fighting between the revolutionary elements continues at several points, while the Bolshevik troops at Harbin, Manchuria, have been defeated in battle by the Chinese who captured the garrison. Apparently distrustful of the Roumanians, Ukrainian forces who are opposed to the Roumanian division headquarters on the battle front disarming those of the Roumanians who offered resistance.

An indication that things in Germany are not going in accordance with the German government's desires is the report that more than 500 members of the German minority Socialist party were arrested in numerous cities. Christmas Eve this branch of the Socialists long has desired peace and refused to acquiesce in the government's war program.

Again the Germans have endeavored to break the French front on the Verdun sector but again have failed. Two assaults have been made but the Caucorries resulted in the defeat of the enemy and the infliction of heavy casualties. The Germans at one point succeeded in penetrating a French front line trench but were immediately ejected.

On the Northern Italian front there has been an abatement in the artillery bombardment in the Breno region. The infantry forces of the belligerents are virtually inactive.

Austro-German air squadrons attempting to bomb the Venetian plain towns of Treviso and Monte Belluno suffered the loss of eleven planes in spectacular aerial battles with British and Italian aviators. Over Treviso twenty-five enemy machines were attacked and forced to flee with a loss of eight planes, while later a squadron of eight Austro-Germans in a fight over Monte Belluno lost three machines. All the British and Italian aircraft returned safely to their bases. Little damage was done by the bombs dropped by the invaders.

ENGLAND WILL NOT REPUDIATE WAR DEBT

Law Denounces Rumors That Country Would Fail to Meet Some Liabilities Incurred.

London, Dec. 15, Saturday.—Correspondence of the Associated Press.—Great Britain will not repudiate her war debt, declares A. Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer in a letter to the House of Commons today. He said that the country would not fail to meet some liabilities incurred in the war. The chancellor says:

"I am glad to have opportunity of dealing with rumors current thruout the country with regard to possibility of the present liabilities. I should like to state as strongly as I can that in my opinion no British officer will seek to break faith with those who have placed their financial resources at the disposal of the state in this crisis in its history. Such a policy would not only mean that the government of the United Kingdom was in the hands of men who were blind to all considerations of national honor but would to my mind, involve the overthrow of any government that adopted it."

DID LITTLE DAMAGE

Washington, Dec. 27.—Previous reports of a bomb being thrown into the American consulate at Odessa on Dec. 18 were supplemented today by a despatch from Consul-General Ray who said little damage was done and no one was hurt as the building was empty.

DENIES EVERYTHING

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Former Chief of Police Charles C. Healey's testimony today was a complete denial of all allegations made against him. He admitted only a slight acquaintance with Thomas F. Costello, the state's star witness.

MEXICAN BANDIT RAIDS INSPIRED BY GERMANS

Federal Officials Making Investigation of Reports

American Cavalry Troops Recross Rio Grande to American Soil after Killing a Number of Bandits and Scattering Remaining Band.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 27.—A reliable report was received here tonight that the Mexican bandit raids into the Big Bend district of Texas were being inspired by Germans now operating south of the border in conjunction with American draft evaders. Federal officials are making a careful investigation of the reports.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL QUIZZED BY SENATORS

Shortage of Winter Clothing Attributed to Belated Deliveries on Account of Garment Makers Strikes and Lack of Special Machinery.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Criticism of the war department and Council of National Defense in securing clothing and other supplies for the army was sharply renewed by members of the senate military committee today in further examination of Major General Sharpe, quartermaster general.

General Sharpe said his approval of contracts negotiated by the council's supply committee was to an extent perfunctory and none had ever been disapproved. He defended establishment of the civilian committee however, as a necessity, because of the enormous task involved in handling war orders for the expanding army. Shortages of winter clothing General Sharpe attributed largely to belated deliveries on account of garment makers strikes and lack of special machinery in private factories and the decision to send American soldiers to France earlier than first planned.

Orders to clothe more than 1,550,000 men have been given, General Sharpe stated and early next year it is expected to have on hand enough for 1,300,000. Overcoat deliveries, he said, were 48 per cent behind contract on last November 30. Steps taken by Secretary Baker before the American war declaration to secure clothing for a large army were again recounted by General Sharpe. On April 4, two days before the war, the secretary authorized emergency contracts to clothe 500,000 men and contracts were let in the open market without advertising. For another half million men contracts were let in May with the assistance of the council of national defense.

Questions relating to cantonment construction contracts were asked by the committee but General Sharpe said all cantonment matters had been handled by General Littell. The latter and his assistants, including Major Sterrett, are to be called soon. Tomorrow the committee expects to hear probably in executive session, Major Generals Wright and Greble, commanders at Camp Doniphan and Bowie, respectively, regarding their recent inspection of General Pershing's expedition and their own camp experiences.

RUSSIAN DELEGATES ASK FOR RECESS

Will Put Peace Proposal Before Russia's Allies Before Proceeding with Negotiations.

Petrograd, Wednesday, Dec. 26.—The Central Powers are ready to make an immediate peace without compulsory annexations and without contributions. This is their answer thru Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, made on Christmas Day at Brest-Litovsk to the Russian proposals, which they are ready to accept in most particulars on the basis of negotiations. They insist however, that the central powers cannot bind themselves one-sidedly to such conditions without a guarantee that the allies of Russia will recognize and fulfill these conditions.

The Russian delegates asked for a ten day recess in the negotiations in order to put the proposal before Russia's allies.

THE "PASSING" CAMP OF THE U. S. ARMY

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, Dec. 14.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Here, in one of the most ancient cities of England is the principal camp in Great Britain of the United States Army.

The camp is what is known as a "passing" one. Men come here after landing on British soil and undergo a sort of quarantine for a week or so. Then, their whole unit having been assembled, they depart to be trained in France.

The colonel commanding the camp is an old West Pointer. His adjutant, a captain of marines, is from Annapolis. There are a number of British officers and soldiers assigned to assist the Americans. The British officers are known technically as "liaison officers," but Tommy Atkins long ago shortened this to "Elizas" a useful nickname which has been adopted also by the American soldiers.

The camp, which was turned over by complete and well equipped British members of the British women's army auxiliary corps in regulation khaki uniforms are employed in an auxiliary capacity here, and the American officers express admiration of the way they carry out the duties assigned to them.

HAVE DIFFERENT IDEAS

Amsterdam, Dec. 27.—The ideas of King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, about annexations are very different from those expounded by Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister at Brest-Litovsk. The (Neue Free Presse (Vienna) quotes him as saying that Bulgaria would hold what she had won.

NEWLAND FUNERAL

Washington, Dec. 27.—Funeral services for Senator Newlands of Nevada were held here today. President Wilson headed a distinguished gathering which attended.

DETROIT AMERICANS PLAN SPRING TRAINING

Detroit, Dec. 27.—The squad of players the Detroit American League baseball club will send to the spring training camp at Waxahatchie, Texas will number twenty-five, according to announcement by President Frank Navin today. Ten pitchers will be in the squad including Foster, a recruit from the Three Eye League and Fitterman, purchased from the St. Paul American association team. Seven infielders, five outfielders and three catchers will make up the remainder.

SENATE COAL INQUIRY NOW WITHIN NARROWER LIMITS

Members Disinclined to Go Into Transportation Difficulties

Committee Investigating Coal and Sugar Shortage Believes Improvement is in Sight Now that the Government Has Taken Over the Control of Railroads.

Washington, Dec. 27.—President Wilson's decision to take over the railroads will keep the senate coal inquiry within narrower limits than originally planned. Members of the manufacturers' committee investigating both coal and sugar, are disinclined to go into the transportation difficulties now that they believe improvement is in sight and the hearing today touched only casually upon the lack of railroad facilities which has been blamed for most of the coal shortage.

W. B. Colver, member of the federal trade commission, the only witness today said the failure of the railroads to place enough cars at mines had resulted in bituminous miners of the country being idle an average of two or three days a week, which not only limits production but tends to make discontented laborers. Had there been plenty of cars this year, he stated, enough coal could have been mined to make up the 50,000,000 ton shortage Fuel Administrator Garfield's estimates exist.

Mr. Colver reiterated however, the commission's opinion that no car shortage exists and that misplacing of cars is what is causing the trouble. Production was at its lowest ebb and prices the highest he testified when President Wilson set tentative coal prices in August and it was price conditions prior to that and transportation conditions, both rail and water since that led to the present situation.

Early last summer, Mr. Colver told the committee the operators had contracted for 80 per cent of the estimated output for the year at prices higher than those later fixed. Just before the prices were fixed there was violent bidding for coal not contracted for and in many cases still higher prices were paid. Then, he explained the operators hurried to deliver this high priced product leaving the contract coal, the bulk of deliveries, until later. In consequence he said, coal usually shipped to the Great Lakes, New England and other sections during the summer was not sent and in the fall when the operators turned to their contracts there were no facilities for delivery.

Prices set by the president were high, the commissioner testified, but not nearly so high as those in most contracts and much lower than that sold without contract. Existing contracts in most instances have been allowed to stand, hence much coal is being sold at prices higher than those fixed by the president.

The committee will take up sugar again tomorrow morning with Food Administrator Hoover testifying. The statement which he tried to get before the committee last week already has been made public at the white house but it is expected he will be questioned during the entire day. Other sugar witnesses may be called for Saturday but the committee has no definite plans beyond Friday.

DELEGATION URGES WATERWAY BUILDING

Representatives of Illinois River Cities Wait on Governor Lowden Thursday.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 27.—A delegation of fourteen men representing Illinois river cities waited on Governor Lowden today and asked that work be begun at once on the proposed waterway between Lockport and Utica, linking the lakes and the gulf, in order to relieve traffic congestion incident to the war.

E. T. Harris of Chicago headed the delegation which was named as a result of a congress of river city delegates at Peoria last month.

Governor Lowden was asked also to request the federal government to improve the lower stretches of the Illinois river where necessary to make it navigable.

While the governor did not openly express his view as to the advisability of building the waterway known as "Plan Three," during the war it is believed he would oppose such a program because of the enormous expenditure of money involved.

Cities represented in the delegation today were Joliet, Ottawa, La Salle, Pekin, Peoria, and others.

CLEVER RUSE OF GERMAN FAILS

PARIS, Dec. 13.—(Mail).—A young German newspaperman who made his escape from a prison camp in the south of France, has been captured after two weeks liberty. He was wearing a long black beard, and a long cloak like that worn by some of the French religious orders.

In his hand he carried a French prayerbook, on the flyleaf of which he had written in perfect French that he was a priest on a pilgrimage to Lourdes, and that he had vowed to make the journey on foot and without speaking a word. The German had shown this soiled prayerbook everywhere along his way and the simple minded peasants, believing him to be a priest had fed and sheltered him without suspicion.

WILL NOT ISSUE CARDS TO PARISANS

Paris, Dec. 27.—The issuance of bread cards, which was to have been made on January 1 will not be carried out, the minister of provisions announced today. He said the inhabitants of Paris and the other chief cities seemed to have grasped the seriousness of the appeal for food conservation and an appreciable results had been obtained by voluntary rationing.

WEATHER INDICATIONS AND TEMPERATURES.

Illinois: Generally fair and much colder Friday with cold wave; Saturday probably fair and continued cold; trend to strong northwest winds Friday.

Temperatures.

The current, maximum and minimum temperatures as recorded for Thursday were:

Jacksonville	36	37	25
Boston	16	18	4
Buffalo	28	30	12
New York	22	24	14
New Orleans	50	50	42
Chicago	34	35	26
Petroit	30	32	16
Omaha	30	32	16
Minneapolis	10	24	22
Helena	6	6	16
San Francisco	60	62	54
Winnipeg	30	23	23

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Hotels and restaurants claim great
credit for "conserving" foods. But
does the public get the discount for
the saving?

Milwaukee ladies are melting up
their gold jewelry and thimbles, in
order to purchase government bonds.

Norway is aggrieved because of the
embargo of exports from this coun-
try—having lost 5,000 sailors by
submarines.

German officials now assert that
their chief spy and diplomat, Count
Luxburg, is insane. He played a part
that evidently suited the Kaiser.

Roosevelt and Bryan have joined
forces in favor of national prohibi-
tion—but Bryan was ahead of the
colonel in that fight.

Reed, of Missouri, the anti-war
Democrat in the senate, is pushing
the investigation of the food admin-
istration under Hoover. That fact
will largely discount any findings
made by his committee.

KNITTING NERVES.

"Knitting nerves," caused by con-
centration of the mind and hands on
the needles, is the latest. Dr. C. P.
Christensen, president of the Psycho-
logical Research Society attributes
the nerve scourge to the failure of
womenfolk to comprehend "the vi-
brations of nerve laws." He con-
tinued: "The women are overworking
themselves. Knitting has become a
craze. Nerves cannot stand this
strain."

FRANKFURTERS AND BOLSHEVIKI.

Philadelphia Ledger: The vast
armies of Russia, which it was be-
yond the power of German arms to
disintegrate, have melted into a mass
of pulp, inert and worthless. All that
was needed to China Russia was
to make the nation a debating so-
ciety. We trust that one condition
of any Russian-German peace will
be the right of the Bolsheviki to
send missionaries thruout the length
and breadth of the central powers
to preach the new religion of passiv-
ity. But we rather imagine that
German approval of the Bolsheviki
begins and ends at the border.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES.

What becomes of the dollar which
is invested in government bonds?
Here is the course it takes as visu-
alized by Secretary of the Treasury
McAdoo, the man who, next to the
president, wields the greatest power
in this country today.
"First, it goes to the government
as a loan for the war.
"Second, it is expended by the gov-
ernment for food, clothing and am-
munition, which go directly to a gal-
lant soldier or sailor whose fighting
strength is kept warm by the cloth-
ing, and whose enemy is hit by the
ammunition.

"It has not been expended in the
purchase of needless food and cloth-
ing for the man at home, and is,
therefore, released for the use of the
soldier, it is saved wealth to the man
at home and can be loaned to his

government at interest with result-
ing benefit to himself and to his
government."

RAILWAY EARNINGS.

Revised figures showing the re-
sults of railway operation in 1916,
published by the Interstate Com-
merce Commission in its annual re-
port to Congress, place the average
rate of return on the investment in
railway property in the most prosper-
ous year in their history at only 5.8
per cent, says the Railway Age Ga-
zette in an editorial in its current is-
sue. The Railway Age Gazette calls
attention to the fact that in its an-
nual report for 1916 the commission
published an estimate that the rate of
return for the year June 30, 1916,
would be 6.35 per cent and, as the
commission has now published an es-
timate of 5.8 per cent for 1917, it
ventures the opinion that a similar
revision of this figure will later be
necessary. Based on a compilation
made by the Bureau of Railway Eco-
nomics, the Railway Age Gazette ob-
tains an estimate that the net oper-
ating income of the railroads of the
United States for the 12 months end-
ing June 30, 1917, will approximate
5.7 per cent. It is well to remember
these figures for comparison in fu-
ture years with returns under gov-
ernment control and regulation for
1918.

THE CRAZY KAISER.

Kaiser Wilhelm's expected peace
proposition is characteristic of the
man, and sounds like the raving of
an inmate of the Central hospital. He
said in a recent speech: "If the ene-
my does not want our peace, then
we must bring peace to the world by
battering down his door with our
iron fist and our shining sword."
"Our recent great victories in Fland-
ers and at Cambrai," "the crushing
power of our offensive blow," "the
most gigantic feat ever accomplished
by an army and one without paral-
lel in history," "the German people
has in the Lord of Creation above
an unconditional and avowed ally"
—such phrases as these are the
known symptoms of paranoia.

BE SLOW TO CRITICISE.

Senator Lewis is reported to have
said, after personal investigation,
that the illness of men at Camp
Dewie and some other camps is due
to lack of warm clothing. He also
reports that many incompetent of-
ficers had been eliminated and com-
petent men from the ranks promot-
ed. The tremendous task of outfit-
ting and organizing a million men for
service must be given due considera-
tion and reconcile us to delays. The
delays in shipping, the many changes
and regulations even in privately
conducted business lines, should
make every one realize the obstacles
and cause us to be charitable in our
views and conservative in our crit-
icism.

Rippling Rhymes By WALT MASON

MADE AT HOME

This year, oh, little girls and
boys, there'll be no German Christ-
mas toys. The Germans have so much
to do, so many errands to pursue,
they really haven't time to pause and
carve out toys for Santa Claus. But
there'll be toys, I have no doubt, for
every little maid and scout, for all
the children in this realm, made from
our native slippery elm. Why
brought we toys across the seas? We
have the drawing knives and trees,
and we can hew from pine or beech
an elephant that is a peach, and we
can shape a polar bear, an anaconda
or a hare, a camel with an upright
back, a duck that can emit a quack.
We have the tools, we have the skill;
why we bought toys from Kaiser
Bill? Now, watch me make a Noah's
ark and fit it out with hen and shark,
rhinoceros and kangaroo and every
beast you wish to view. This war,

with all its woes and stings, has
taught us lots of useful things. We
find that we can fashion traps we
used to buy from foreign chaps; and
that's a lesson, little kids, which
should be pasted in our lids. So watch
me take my saw and ax, and fashion
toys as slick as wax; I'll carve you
beasts of gorgeous shapes, I'll hew
out warthogs, bees and apes, and give
you, dear ones, ample cause, to
whoop with me for Santa Claus.

THE INCOME TAX.

"Look out for the Income Tax,"
is a warning which you will do well
to post where it will catch your eye
every day from this time on till the
matter has been disposed of to the
satisfaction of the collector of in-
ternal revenue. Hundreds of people
in Jacksonville will pay income tax
this year that never paid income tax
before. It is probable that hundreds
of people will pay income tax who
are not yet aware that they will have
to do so. The important thing to
bear in mind right now is that if you
are a single man and have an in-
come of more than \$1,000 a year
you must pay income tax. If you
are a married man and have an in-
come of over \$2,000 a year you must
pay tax.

The law is rather complicated
and intricate but you don't need to
bother about that now. The first
thing to do is to determine whether
or not you are subject to the tax.
If you are in doubt the safe thing
to do is to make out a schedule and
let the revenue collector say. This
is to say that if your income is \$800
if single or near \$2000 if married,
make out a schedule. Make out a
schedule any way, also you may
think you are not liable to tax. You
may be overlooking something which
the collector may discover. It is
easier to make out a schedule altho
not subject to tax than to pay a pen-
alty and fine if you are subject to
tax and don't know it.

You will have two months in
which to make out your schedule,
or from Jan. 2 to March 1. If there
is anything about the law or about
your schedule you don't understand
ask.

There is one other thing which
it is well for you to understand at
the start and that is "net income"
does not mean income with the liv-
ing taken out. Net income is your
income with the cost of doing busi-
ness taken out and your cost of liv-
ing is not regarded as part of the
cost of doing business.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

December 28, 1838—Mr. Jonas Ra-
walt presented to the House of
Representatives a petition of sun-
dry citizens of Fulton, praying that
the Peoria and Warsaw Railroad
may be located through Farmington,
which was referred to the
Committee on Internal Improve-
ments.

Coal now. Walton & Co.

WILL HOLD OWN SERVICES.

At a meeting of the Ministerial
association held recently it was sug-
gested that a number of the churches
hold union services in the various
church buildings during the winter
and thus conserve the coal supply.
At a meeting of the congregation of
Centenary church Wednesday eve-
ning it was voted to hold separate
services. This action later was rat-
ified by the official board of the
church in a meeting held in the
church following the meeting of the
congregation. Inasmuch as Centen-
ary has arranged for a stove in the
down stairs room it was thought that
services could be held to good ad-
vantage and without the use of much
fuel.

Coal now. Walton & Co.

FILES AN APPEAL.

Mary Wood by her attorneys, J.
Marshall Miller and J. A. Bellatti
yesterday filed an appeal in the of-
fice of Circuit Clerk Boston to the
circuit court in the James Wood will
case. The case is one where Mrs.
Wood renounced the will of her
husband, the late James Wood and
elected to take her share under the
law. George Wood had filed a suit in
an endeavor to break the will. The
executors carried the case thru
court and Mrs. Wood is objecting to
the payment of the attorney's fees,
court costs and executors' costs out
of her portion of the estate.

A. L. Miller was down to the city
from Petersburg yesterday.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE

TODAY and SATURDAY
3 Big Acts of Vaudeville

SEBASTIAN MERRILL
COMPANY
Sensational Novelty Bicycle
Act

"AMO" The Dancer
Assisted by Clifford Young, in
Comedy, Songs and Dance
Divertissements

"ADOLPHO"
The Wizard of the Accordion

FEATURE PICTURE
"HER HOUR"

Five reel World Film, Brady
made, featuring

KITTY GORDON

PRICES: 10 and 20 Cents

TIME OF SHOWS

Matinee: Pictures, 2:00; Vau-
deville, 3:15. One show to-
night: Pictures, 7:30; Vau-
deville, 7:30. Two shows Satur-
day night: Pictures, 8:30;
Vaudeville, 7:45; Pictures,
8:30; Vaudeville, 9:45.

WAR TRADE BOARD IS IN VERY ACTIVE WORK

W. E. CRANE IN CHARGE OF ONE
OF THE DEPARTMENTS.

**Rules With Reference to Exports
of Coal and Oil are Very Strict—
Adopt Measures to Keep Food-
stuffs from Reaching the Enemy—
Washington Paper Tells of Warn-
ings Issued to South American
Republics.**

Mention was made some time since
that W. E. Crane, president of the
Illinois Steel Bridge Co. of this city,
is in the government service in
Washington, being one of a group of
business men who have volunteered
to serve the government during the
war. Mr. Crane is with the war
trade board and has direction of an
important department there. All
persons or firms who desire to ex-
port coal, oil or other commodities
of like class must have their ap-
plications passed upon by Mr. Crane.

In securing licenses for the ex-
port of these commodities the ap-
plicants are required to answer a
series of questions and supply the
government with detailed informa-
tion. The facts must be made known
about the monthly or annual require-
ments of the wholesale dealer, manu-
facturing plant or industry to whom
the coal, coke or oil will be delivered.
It must be stated if the coal is for
bunkering purposes, to what steam-
ship line it will be furnished. There
are other questions of like import-
ance but the most important ones which
must be answered are "Will it assist
in the conducting of the war, either
directly or indirectly, from the allies'
point of view? If so, in what way?"

As exports of coal and oil and
other commodities of like class are
now looked upon as having a very
definite relation to the conduct of
the war and are sent to some foreign
ports in large quantities, it can read-
ily be understood that a vast amount
of important business is passed up-
on daily by the department of the
war trade board which Mr. Crane is
directing.

The Washington (D. C.) Post in
a recent issue gave the following
facts about war trade board activi-
ties which are little known. This ar-
ticle is in line with the statement
made above and indicates the im-
portance of the work. The Post
says:

Board Silent but Active.

"Increasing curtailment of im-
portations into Germany of foodstuffs,
and of every other commodity es-
sential to a nation at war, is the
purpose and policy of the war trade
board. Working behind a wall of
secrecy, none of the details of the
board's activities and few of its ac-
complishments have become known,
but those that have been disclosed
justify the belief that the war trade
board will be reckoned among the
factors in accomplishing the disinte-
gration of Prussian autocracy.

"Exports from the United States
to countries contiguous to Germany
have been curtailed to the point of
privation. Hundreds of ships be-
longing to neutrals which have re-
fused to comply with the require-
ments of this board have been re-
fused bunker coal and provisions,
and are now lying at anchor in
American ports. Latin-American
countries of too friendly an attitude
toward Germany have been made to
feel the power of the board thru
curtailment of their coal supply.

Thousands Branded as Enemies.

"Thousands of South American
business houses have been branded
by this board as enemies of the United
States and all commercial inter-
course with them has been forbidden.
Exporters in this country who have
been fattening on the profits derived
from trading with the friends of
Germany have been cut off from such
profiteering.

"The war trade board was created
by President Wilson October 12,
1917, and effected its organization on
the following day. Its membership
consists of representatives of the
Secretary of State, the Secretary of
the Treasury, the Secretary of Agri-
culture, the Secretary of Commerce,
the food administrator and the ship-
ping board.

"At the same time President Wil-
son established a war trade council,
the membership of which is com-
posed of the heads of the several de-
partments just enumerated.

"Both of these organizations have
their headquarters in Washington.
Branches of the war trade board
have been established at New York,
Galveston, Los Angeles, Mobile, San
Francisco, Portland, Ore., San Fran-
cisco, Savannah and Seattle.

Control of Exports Needed.

"Exports to neutrals of northern
Europe, the increasing magnitude of
which had instilled the belief that
Germany was their ultimate destina-
tion, assumed a new and sinister sig-
nificance. Investigation and reports
by agents of the United States gov-
ernment confirmed that belief, and
immediate control and curtailment
of all exports was recognized as im-
perative.

"Continued investigation by rep-
resentatives of the United States of
the commerce being conducted by
countries classed as neutral in north-
ern Europe resulted in disclosures
of the extent to which American
products were being used to supply
Germany with foods that could not
be obtained by that country in any
other way in sufficient quantities to
meet its needs. A secret agreement
between Holland and Germany,
which was made public thru the
press, showed that the Netherlands
government had contributed more
extensively than any other to the
provisioning of the German army.

Warning to Latin Republics.

"Depending upon the United States
for many commodities essential to
national prosperity, those countries
of Latin America which, while pro-
fessing neutrality, were at heart and
in action ardent supporters of pan-
Germanism have found themselves
forced to choose between continued
allegiance to Prussian autocracy and
honest adherence to neutrality.

"Complete acquiescence with the
diplomatic suggestions of the United
States in regard to continued trade
relations with those neutrals of
northern Europe who are equally
culpable has not yet been given by
the Latin-American republics, but
they have not yet felt the full force
of the embargo. Unfamiliar with the
true spirit of America, those coun-
tries continue to court that disaster
which will inevitably overtake them
if they fail to read the determina-
tion of the United States underneath
the courteous phrases of its diplo-
matic communications."

WOMEN HUSK CORN FOR THE RED CROSS

Accept Offer of Scott County Farmer
and Husk Corn Which Will Be
Sold for Benefit of Red Cross —
Former Winchester Boy Making
Good in Business World.

Winchester, Dec. 27.—Eighteen
ladies were engaged Thursday in
taking advantage of Joseph Roark's
recent offer of corn which he donated
to the local chapter of the Red Cross
on the provision that the ladies
would husk it and have it hauled in-
to Winchester.

The ladies husked 33 bushels in an
hour and 18 minutes. The corn will
be auctioned at the court house cor-
ner of the square Saturday afternoon
and the proceeds of the sale given to
the Red Cross.

Those aiding in the work this aft-
ernoon were Mrs. R. W. Waters,
Mrs. Lucie Dahman, Mrs. Joseph
Roark, and Misses Catherine Lyons,
Ella McLaughlin, Lillian and Inez Sie-
bert, Nellie Lashmet, Mildred Funk,
Doll McLaughlin, Ella McLaughlin,
Bess Pieper, Charlotte Chance, Lor-
etta Coultas, Louise Frost, Bernice
Burrows, Mayme Collins and Ione
Kuechler.

Rolla Benson of Detroit, Mich., ar-
rived in Winchester a few days ago
to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs.
John Benson. His wife and son joined
him here today, after spending
Christmas with her parents in Can-
ton. Mr. and Mrs. Benson and son
expect to return to Detroit Saturday.

Miss Lola Cumbey returned Thurs-
day from Roodhouse, where she has
been visiting since Tuesday after-
noon with her sister, Mrs. H. Oots.

Miss Mary Murphy returned Wed-
nesday to Chicago after a visit with
her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael
Murphy, during the holidays.

John Murphy left Thursday for
Carrollton where he is employed.
Mrs. Emma Cohagen arrived
Thursday morning from Abingdon,
Ill., to visit her mother, Mrs.
Don Farrington.

Mrs. Henry Pieper left here
Thursday noon for Huntsville, Ill.,
to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Marsh Green.

Mrs. N. T. Lashmet received a mes-
sage Thursday from her son Harry
in Peoria, stating that he had been
transferred to the Louisville, Ky.,
branch of Swift & Co. Mr. Lashmet
has been in the employ of Swift &
Co. in Peoria and the announcement
of his appointment to the Louisville
position is a substantial promotion.

Clarence Fox returned Thursday
afternoon to his home in White Hall
leaving his wife for a longer visit
with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan
T. Smith.

The singing of "America" was
quite generally observed here Christ-
mas morning. Quite a number as-
sembled on the north and south sides
of the square at 9 o'clock and sang
the national anthem.

FRANKLIN MINISTER WILL GO TO TEXAS.

Rev. and Mrs. James Todd, Jr., of
Franklin, will leave next Tuesday for
Ft. Worth, Texas. There Rev. Mr.
Todd will occupy the pulpit of a
church and at the same time he and
his wife will pursue courses of study
in the Texas Christian University.
They will prepare themselves espe-
cially for evangelistic work of a con-
structive kind, and after they have
completed their training there ex-
pect to organize an evangelistic party.
Rev. Mr. Todd will preach his fare-
well sermon at the Franklin church
Sunday. Both he and his wife are
highly esteemed by the people of
Franklin and vicinity and they have
done an excellent work there.

DISCUSSED EXEMPTION BOARD AFFAIRS

T. K. Credit, Beardtown banker
who is chairman of the Cass county
exemption board, spent Thursday
night in Jacksonville in conference
with the Morgan county board. Mr.
Credit talked over various points of
procedure with Mr. Weir, Mr. Hair-
grove and Dr. Black, the purpose of
his coming being to get the Morgan
county board's views especially on
some matters relating to classifica-
tion and exemption.

REMOVAL NOTICE.

I have removed from 305 East
State St. to Calhoun Building, No.
112 N. East St.

C. C. Schureman.

HELD CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO.

Dr. Carl E. Black returned Tues-
day from Chicago, where he went in
an advisory capacity to meet with
the medical section of the state com-
mittee of national defense. Matters
of vital importance relating to the
medical corps of the army were un-
der consideration and a number of
well known Illinois medical men
were present at the conference.

MUAT LODGED IN THROAT.

Frank Sudduth of Rushville was
brought to Passavant hospital last
night suffering with a stoppage of
the oesophagus. An operation was
performed by Dr. Carl E. Black for
the relief of the patient. In some
manner a piece of meat had lodged
in the throat and caused the dan-
gerous condition.

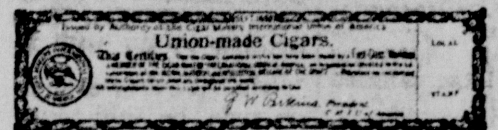
ATTENTION W. R. C.

The W. R. C. will hold their regu-
lar meeting in the G. A. R. hall on
West Morgan street at 2:30 Friday
afternoon.

Mrs. Anna Ferguson, Pres.
Angie P. Weber, Press.

Elliott State Bank Christmas Savings Club Elliott State Bank

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PROFITABLE HENS

An agricultural paper, "Farm and
Ranch," published in Dallas, Texas,
says that the poultry department of
the University of Arizona has a pen
of White Leghorns with an annual
average production of 229.9 eggs per

hen, the highest being 250 and the
lowest 210. These are actual trap-
nest records taken during the 365
days following the laying of the first
egg for each hen. It is a special
breeding pen mated to a cockerel
from a hen with a 275 egg record.
There are ten hens in the pen.

Scott's Theatre

One of the New Greater Paramount Pictures
LAST TIME TODAY

The Irresistible
MARGUERITE CLARK

—in—
BAB'S DIARY

A SUB-DEB is a "flapper". That is American for an en-
gaging youngster of one year before the debutante age—
"coming out," you know. Marguerite Clark plays Mary
Roberts Rinehart's wonderful character of Saturday Ev-
ening Post fame to perfection. She is the popular ideal
of young and old America—an engaging, sweetly femi-
nine—not to say cute—little girl. "Bab's Diary" will be
the first of the "Sub-Deb story" pictures.

Afternoon Shows—1:30, 3:00, 4:30

Night Shows—7:00, 8:30, 10:00

Adults, 20c; Children, 10c. That includes your war tax.

Coming Monday and Tuesday—Theda Bara in "CAMILLE"

"The Christmas Flour"

The Cainson family wishes you and yours a
good old fashioned Christmas—many bless-
ings, a bountiful feast, with minimum waste.

"Cainson Flour"

H. Cain's Sons

Jacksonville, Illinois

TY AND COUNTY

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Vannier's Specials

Dressed Ducks, Geese and Chickens for Saturday and Monday.

ome made Mince meat.

shipment of Libby's pickles in Dill, Sour, Mixed, and Sweet.

resh Cottage Cheese every day.

ounce bottle Catsup for 10c

Florida Russet Grape Fruit. 10c; 3 for 25c

alk Pancake and Buckwheat Flour at, lb. 9c

alk Rolled Oats, at 2 pounds for 15c

ur Kraut at, quart 10c

ew Shipment Salt Mackerel at 15c per fish

Vannier China & Coffee House

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OUR GREETINGS!

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214-216 West Morgan Street

We Can Supply You With Carterville Lump and Nut Coal

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Springfield Lump

No better Service than Our's is available

Walton & Co.

Phone 44

Mrs. Merve Ater east of the city was a town caller yesterday.

John Thady of Murrayville was one of the city's visitors yesterday.

Dean Brothers of Manchester was a visitor in the city yesterday.

W. G. Russell of Woodson called on city friends yesterday.

Albert Dean of Roodhouse was a traveler to the city yesterday.

Miss Eva Mortimer of the vicinity of Woodson was a shopper with city merchants yesterday.

Scott Trambarger of the vicinity of Franklin was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Bright Tulpin and daughter were city shoppers from Waverly yesterday.

Joseph Lawler of Pleasant Hill was among the business men of the city yesterday.

Guy Bender of Alexander traveled to the city in his Buick car yesterday.

William Zahn of Concord was a pilgrim to the city yesterday coming in his Cadillac car.

Alvin Dinwiddie of the northwest part of the county reached the city yesterday in his Buick car.

Mrs. A. Carson and son made a trip from Franklin to the city yesterday.

George Richardson of the Point was among the travelers to town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Carson of Beardsdown were visitors in the city yesterday.

Harry Oliver of Aurora is in the city visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver.

Mrs. E. E. Mason of Alexander helped swell the list of city shoppers yesterday.

P. E. Clancy of White Hall was one of the travelers to the city yesterday.

Miss Gladys Harvey has resigned her position at the store of F. J.

Waddell & Co., and will take a rest at her home on Greenwood avenue.

W. H. Lawless of Murrayville paid the city a business visit Thursday.

Mrs. M. L. Rogers of Franklin was a shopper in the city yesterday.

Charles Adkins made a business trip from Springfield to the city yesterday.

David Goosby and son Elmer were up to the city from Winchester yesterday.

Fletcher Lawson of Scott county traveled to the city in his Ford car yesterday.

Samuel Wild of Murrayville was added to the list of city callers yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hiser of the vicinity of Joy Prairie were city shoppers yesterday.

Miss Nellie Kilpatrick of Winchester was among the arrivals in the city yesterday.

Mrs. A. D. Arnold of the station of the same name was a city shopper yesterday.

Oscar Trambarger of the vicinity of Franklin was a city caller yesterday.

Calvin Lawson of the northeast part of the county was transacting business in the city yesterday.

Isaac Bennett of the east part of the county was a city caller yesterday.

J. W. Lazenby of the region of Arkansas was among the visitors in the city yesterday.

Dr. F. H. Metcalf of Franklin was a Jacksonville business visitor Thursday.

Mrs. J. B. Beekman of Pisgah visited the city yesterday for shopping purposes.

Mrs. A. C. McCullough of Winchester was among the visitors in the city Thursday.

J. B. Shibe of the vicinity of Winchester visited his son of the firm of Mathis, Kamm & Shibe yesterday.

Miss Elsie Cully of the vicinity of Joy Prairie was a city arrival yesterday.

Mrs. W. J. Wyatt of Franklin was among the arrivals in the city yesterday.

Thomas Murphy of Springfield made a business trip to the city yesterday.

Thomas L. Hungerford of Murrayville was numbered among the city callers yesterday.

C. H. Paige of White Hall was added to the list of city visitors yesterday.

Mrs. John A. Smith and daughter of the vicinity of the Mound were arrivals in the city yesterday.

Miss Leta Groves has gone to Chicago for a short visit after which she will proceed to Oshkosh, Wis., to her duties as school teacher.

Miss Lucille Ennis has returned to her home in Springfield after a visit with Miss Dorothy Carroll on South East street.

Fred Lelachur and Richard Hilber expect to leave today for Jefferson Barracks at the end of a holiday furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Oliver of Chicago returned to their home yesterday after spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in this city.

Mrs. Lois Baptiste Harsch of Peoria is in the city for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Baptiste.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Simms have returned from a holiday visit with Mrs. Simms' brother, Charles Beck of Springfield.

Miss Jeanette Miller has gone to Pleasant Plains to attend a house party given at the home of Miss Elizabeth Brown.

Miss Georganna Bacon who is spending the winter in Dallas, Texas, arrived in the city Christmas eve to spend the holidays with home folks. Miss Bacon expects to return to Dallas in ten days.

George Wintler of the vicinity of Woodson came to town yesterday and returned with a Kimball piano a holiday present for his daughters and brought of J. Bart Johnson.

James McCormick loaded his effects into a car at Woodson yesterday and left for his home in Kansas. His family will follow as soon as Mr. McCormick has things ready for them.

George W. Lewis, John Prettyman, James Crawford and Dan Nelson all of Chicago and William Price of Peoria are visiting at the home of R. P. Lewis on North West street.

John William Rogers and wife of Joliet, are visiting at the home of Michael Crowe. Mr. Rogers is holding a responsible position in the inspecting department of the Illinois Steel corporation.

Mrs. John Snell of Litchfield arrived in the city yesterday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Hal C. Foulk of the Dunlap Hotel. Mrs. Snell is a sister of Mr. Foulk and her husband formerly was proprietor of the Pacific Hotel.

Cicero Ignatius of the Quartermaster's Department at Jefferson Barracks, returned to his command yesterday afternoon after a pleasant visit with his friends, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bonansinga and others in the city. He was at one time in the employ of J. Capps & Sons.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fell have received from their son, Captain E. W. Fell who is at Camp Grant a picture of the officers at Camp Grant. This is a good picture and can be seen in Taylor's Grocery store window on West State street.

J. N. Carter, a former Illinois college student and now a resident of Trenton, New Jersey, was a city visitor yesterday. He has been for some time a resident of San Francisco and also was for a while a citizen of Kentucky. He has attained a successful position in the world of trade.

Social Events

Gave Christmas Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Coultas entertained a company of friends at dinner at their home, 1012 North Fayette street Christmas day. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Bennett of Meredosia, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coultas and daughter of Lynnville and Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Woodward of this city. The day proved a most pleasant one for all present.

Family Gathering at Home of J. H. Cain.

A pleasant family gathering was enjoyed Christmas day at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cain, south of the city. At noon a turkey dinner was served to which all did full justice. The afternoon was spent in a most pleasant way.

Gave Birthday Party.

Members of the family of Mrs. Elizabeth Hoffman, 720 East State street, gathered recently in honor of Mrs. Hoffman's birthday. A splendid dinner was served and the whole day was passed enjoyably by the members of the family present. In addition to Mrs. Hoffman the company included Mrs. J. A. Hoffman of Springfield, Mrs. M. B. Hoffman of Norwood, Ohio; Mrs. William Miller, Springfield; Louis G. Hoffman, Bloomington, and F. L. Hoffman of Decatur.

Southern Family Reunion.

Mention was made in Thursday's Journal of the reunion held at the home of Vinton Bourn of Crackerland. The guests were William Bourn and daughters, Estella and Dorothy; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bourn and family; Mr. and Mrs. John Bourn and family; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bourn and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bourn and Miss Chloe Lane of Chapin. The following grandchildren were present: Frances Virginia Bourn, Marie Leraice Bourn, William Howard Bourn, John Robert Bourn, Ethel Elizabeth Bourn, Mary Catherine Bourn, Bessie Lucille Bourn. Members of the family unable to attend were Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Koehler and son of Lexington, Ill.; Master Earl Bourn, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bourn of Geary City, Kans., and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bourn of Sinclair. The next family reunion will be held Dec. 25, 1918, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bourn.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Cook Entertained Friends.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Cook entertained a company of friends at their home, 936 South Main street Wednesday evening. The time was spent with music and dancing and at a late hour refreshments were served.

J. A. Munson Given Farewell Party.

J. A. Munson of Sandusky street, who leaves for Minneapolis to accept the position of sales manager of the Northwestern Knitting Mills, was very pleasantly surprised at his home last evening by a number of his close friends who gathered at the Munson residence to tender their regrets at his leaving the city and to wish him success in his new position. There were about fourteen gentlemen present and the evening proved a most delightful one. Late in the evening a light lunch was served.

MATRIMONIAL

Brakensiek-Geschwindner.

Ray Brakensiek of Carthage and Miss Mary Corrine Geschwindner of Mt. Sterling were united in marriage by the Rev. Walter E. Spooner, pastor of Northminster church at his home, 322 South Diamond street, Wednesday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. The double ring ceremony was used. The couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Davis of Mt. Sterling. The groom is a garage owner. The bride is a popular young woman of Mt. Sterling. The couple will make their home in Mt. Sterling. The party motored to Jacksonville and returned immediately after the ceremony.

Fackner-Middleton.

Bailey J. Fackner of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Miss Mary P. Middleton of this city were united in marriage Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock by the Rev. J. F. Langton at the rectory of Trinity church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Middleton and is a young woman highly regarded by all who know her. The groom is a resident of New Mexico but is in military service and is stationed at a camp in South Carolina. He expects to leave soon to resume his military duties.

WITH THE CITY

Friends of Dr. Elder will regret to learn that the gentleman is no better and the chances for his recovery are very small.

J. A. Obermeyer was laid up with illness yesterday and unable to attend to business.

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING

The weekly prayer meeting will be held in South Jacksonville this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the residence of S. Swanson on South West street. Mrs. Thomas Fletcher, leader. Everybody welcome.

BIRTH RECORD

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Houston R. Ward, 858 Routt street, Thursday, a 12 pound boy.

LICENSED TO MARRY

Bailey J. Fackner, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Miss Mary P. Middleton, Jacksonville.

ANNOUNCE SETTLEMENT

Washington, Dec. 27.—Settlement of a strike of 15,000 cigar makers in Porto Rico, which had cost the government \$700,000 in revenue during four months cessation of work, was announced today by the department of labor. A mediator effected a settlement of wage questions which caused the strike.

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PRESIDENT WILSON GRANTS EXEMPTION

Ernest Alford First Morgan County Man to Be Discharged by Order of the President — Questionnaires Have Been Returned Because of Lack of Proper Address—Some Men Are Known to Be in Service.

Ernest Alford of Franklin has the distinction of being the first Morgan county man to be discharged from military service by President Woodrow Wilson. Mr. Alford is now at Camp Taylor, having been sent there with the last contingent from this county. He was not considered exempt from service by the local board on the ground of dependency, and took an appeal on industrial grounds to the district board at Springfield. Here his claim was also refused. Friends of the young man, however, took an appeal to the President, presenting the facts and the discharge from military service was received by the local board coming thru the district board Thursday.

Quite a number of questionnaires which have been mailed out during the past few days have been returned to the board because of lack of proper address. Anyone knowing the address of the following men will confer a favor on the board and be doing their full duty by notifying the exemption board so that questionnaires may be sent to the men.

Questionnaires returned because of lack of proper address:

Harry Marsh, 596 Jordan St., Jacksonville.

Carl Chester Branon, 311 W. Morgan St., Jacksonville.

Harold A. McGinnis, 312 North Church St., Jacksonville.

Harold L. Little, Meredosia, Ill.

Thomas Poppewell, Route 8, Jacksonville.

George H. Beard, Orleans, Ill.

Ernest H. Jockisch, Route 1, Arenzville, Ill.

William H. Woodruff, Prentice, Ill.

John Bryant, Pleasant Plains, Ill.

Clarence P. Smith, 515 E. State St., Jacksonville, Ill.

George A. Moody, 1201 S. Main St., Jacksonville.

Alvin F. Pierce, 312 N. Church St., Jacksonville.

Logan F. Smith, 609 Hooker St., Jacksonville.

Thomas Johnson, 1201 S. Main St., Jacksonville.

Charles Isham, S. Main St., Jacksonville.

Jesse Bebley, 333 Broadway Alley, Jacksonville.

Harry Clarke, 515 E. North St., Jacksonville.

John C. Mosley, Sinclair, Ill.

Jess Merriman, 703 N. Main St., Jacksonville.

John H. Hubert, 441 S. State St., Chicago, Ill.

Alfred T. Davenport, 942 Clay Ave., Jacksonville, Ill.

Eddie England, 302 N. East St., Jacksonville.

According to orders issued by Provost Marshal Gen. Crowder and announcement made by Adjutant General Dickson yesterday, it is probable that the next quota from Morgan county will be called before February 15, 1918. When this quota is called the men comprising it will no doubt be subject to the new classification regulations coming under the questionnaires, so that the present quota of 35 per cent from the county is apt to have some changes before the men are called to camp next spring. Deficiencies in quotas already assigned to camps, due to physical rejection or other causes, will be made up from men chosen under the old regulations, however, until local boards have enough men finally classified in class one of the new regulations.

DEATHS

Cassell.

Mrs. Frank Orear of 1244 West College avenue received word yesterday of the death of her cousin William Cassell which occurred at his home in St. Louis at 11 o'clock Thursday morning. Funeral services will be held and burial made in St. Louis Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Deceased was the son of the late William Cassell of Chicago. He was born in Jacksonville about 55 years ago but removed to Chicago with his parents when a boy. He had for a number of years been one of the head men for Nelson Morris and Company in the St. Louis stock yards.

Mr. Cassell was a man well known to older residents of the city. He was related to the Cassell families of this city and also to the families of family, being a cousin of William D. Alexander now residing in Chicago. He is survived by his wife and one grandchild. He also leaves one sister, Anna Cassell, and one brother, George Cassell, both of Chicago, and one aunt, Miss Sue Cassell, of this city.

Boatman

Jasper Boatman died Thursday morning at 9:20 o'clock at his home two miles northeast of Arenzville. Mr. Boatman was born in Tennessee, Feb. 10, 1864, the son of Richard Boatman and Martha Jane Western. He came to this state about twenty eight years ago. He was married to Miss Mary Lacey at East Tennessee thirty seven years ago. The following children survive: Mrs. Lizzie Ator of Virginia; Frank Boatman of Arcadia; Mrs. Zora Hacker of Concord; Robert Boatman, east of Arenzville; Sam Boatman of Litterberry, and Miss Daisy Boatman, Carl, Bertha and Johnny at home. One son, Charles, died at the age of four months, and William Boatman of Arenzville, three sisters and the father and mother preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 11 o'clock in charge of Rev. F. M. Batterson. Interment will be in Arcadia cemetery.

THE BIRTH RECORD.

Born Thursday afternoon at Our Savior's hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. James Wall, a daughter, third daughter and fourth child.



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An Xmas Thought

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STATE TEACHERS OPEN MEETING AT SPRINGFIELD

Patriotism Has Right of Way At Opening Session

Pres. W. R. Hatfield of Chicago Presides at Sixty-fourth Convention—Pacifist Element Not in Evidence—Medals Awarded Winners of the Spelling Contest.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 27.—Patriotism had right of way at the opening session here tonight of the Illinois State Teachers' association, when President W. R. Hatfield of Chicago, brought down his gavel opening the sixty-fourth convention. Hugh S. Magill, Jr., a former president of the association, offered a resolution pledging "unequivocal support" of the government in the conduct of the war and the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Governor Lowden who was seated on the platform, asked permission to vote.

"I taught school for seven years," he said. "Mr. President, may I vote?" When the governor arose with the audience, which filled representative hall at the state house, he was loudly applauded.

President Hatfield referred to the teachers' convention as a war session and introduced Mr. Magill, who, he said, would sound the keynote.

Superseding every other item of business the action of the teachers had in it something of the dramatic, and was intended to dispel any suspicion that the association was "lukewarm" in its Americanism. The fact that at last year's session a section of the association was devoted to peace propaganda had given rise, it was said to the report that the pacifist element would be evident this year.

At tonight's session medals were awarded to the three winners of the spelling contest by Francis G. Blair, state superintendent of public instruction. Those who took the honors were:

First, Letha Rhine of Hamilton county; second, Margaret Sanford of Henry county; third, Dorothy Murgery of Christian county.

The program of the normal schools' council was postponed today until tomorrow afternoon because of the inability of Dr. W. C. Bagley of Columbia University to be present for the chief address.

The nominating committee tonight selected officers who will be presented to the morning session tomorrow for a vote. Nomination, it is said, is tantamount to election.

The state officers follow:

President—George G. Wham, Carbondale.

First vice-president—Elizabeth D. Harvey, Belvidere.

Second vice-president—Marion Hoedley, Streator.

Third vice-president—Albert W. Evans, Chicago.

Treasurer—Charles McIntosh, Monticello.

Chairman executive board—H. E. Brown, Kenilworth.

DISCOVER DYNAMITE IN CAR OF COAL

Ockford, Ill., Dec. 27.—Discovery of a four inch stick of dynamite in a car of coal billed from a Southern Indiana mine to the Rockford city hospital combined with a furnace explosion that wrecked the bungalow of William A. Ogden, a mechanic, resulted in an investigation being started by federal officers and added precautions to protect Camp Grant.

Railroad officials are tracing the source of the car of coal.

Ogden and his family were expected home tomorrow after a Christmas vacation. C. S. Stevens, a neighbor made a fire in their furnace locked the basement and went home. A few minutes later there was an explosion which demolished the house and shook the entire block. A house next door was badly damaged. Officials declare the explosion could have been caused by dynamite.

Every shipment of food stuff or supplies to Camp Grant is being closely examined as a result of the explosion.

NORWEGIAN SAILORS BELIEVED KILLED

London, Dec. 28.—Thirty Norwegian sailors are believed to have been killed in the sinking of five Norwegian steamers by German submarines, according to a statement issued by the Norwegian foreign office and forwarded by the Copenhagen correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company. The steamers sunk were:

Regin, 1845 tons.

Start, 178 tons.

Ragna, 1747 tons.

Noirdpol, 1890 tons.

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PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WILL HELP RUSSIA

Expected to Have a Large Influence On Internal Conditions.

London, Dec. 27.—The progress of the peace negotiations is expected to have a large influence on internal conditions in Russia and the fighting in the south where the position of affairs is still obscure. According to the best available information reaching London, the Bolshevik commissars, the concentration of whose forces against the south is being only feebly conducted, are counting upon two things to strengthen their position—first, the chance of securing a peace acceptable to the country as a whole which would induce the nation to overlook the evident lack of administrative ability shown by the Bolsheviks; second, the fact of the existence of considerable lines, classes and cleavages even among the supporters of the Kaledines movement in the south.

General Kaledines is reported to have recently resigned the leadership of the Cossack government while the Cossacks themselves are divided, a large section of the moderates being undisturbed of fighting the workmen and soldiers' government so long as the latter is able to preserve order in the country. The Bolsheviks are said to be speculating on the still further spread of the revolutionary feeling among the Cossacks against their generals, and among the Ukrainians against the Burgois.

"A general army congress is sitting at the Bolshevik headquarters to organize a central war committee. This congress has confirmed the election of Ensign Krylenko as commander-in-chief.

Thru French sources it is reported that the Bolshevik administration is quite powerless to revictual Petrograd, which now possesses only the barest reserves of food. All railway communication with the rich grain provinces in the Don territory and Ukraine has either been cut or is disorganized.

The central powers have rejected the Polish claim to be represented at the peace conference at Brest-Litvsk, but, according to the Frankfurter Zeitung, the delegates at Brest-Litvsk include representatives of the Ukraine republic.

YALE AND HARVARD ON WRONG TRACK

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Dr. Dudley A. Sargent, director of physical education at Harvard, in addressing the athletic research society here today said that Yale and Harvard had been on the wrong track in athletics and physical education for the last twenty five years, but that now, as a result of the war, they were coming around and were beginning to see that athletics should be for the many and not for the few specialized stars.

"Get everybody into the game, is the slogan that the colleges should have now," said Dr. Sargent.

Dr. G. J. Fisher was re-elected president of the society and Wilbur P. Bowen of Ypsilanti State Normal School was elected vice-president. Dr. Joseph E. Raycroft was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

READY TO NEGOTIATE WITH KAISER

London, Dec. 27.—Reuters Amsterdam correspondent says that Count Czernin in concluding his address dealing with economic questions said:

"We are ready to enter into negotiations with all our enemies, but in order to avoid unnecessary loss of time, the allies (Teutonic) are ready to enter into the consideration of those specific points the examination of which seems in any case necessary for both the Russian government and the allies (Teutonic)."

TOWN DESTROYED

Amsterdam, Dec. 27.—The town of Rousselaere (Roulers) in Belgium was almost laid waste recently by the terrific explosion of an ammunition train caused by bombs dropped by a British airplane, according to the frontier correspondent of the Telegraaf. The airplane itself was brought down by aerial pressure. Many Germans and a few Belgians, the latter engaged in forced labor, were killed.

RED CROSS WORKERS TAKEN PRISONERS.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The American Red Cross was designated in army orders today as the distributing agency of quartermaster supplies sent to American soldiers and others who may be prisoners in the hands of any power with which the United States may at any time be at war.

Only a few Americans now are held in Germany, but as the size of the army on the western front increases the number of prisoners inevitably will grow and the war department must provide supplies for them.

CONGRESS POSTPONED

Buenos Aires, Dec. 27.—The government today announced that the congress of the neutral Latin-American nations had been postponed until April. This congress it was reported several weeks ago, was to have been convened in January.

COMPANY TAKES OVER STEAMSHIP FLEET

London.—Twenty million dollars is the price paid for twenty-seven merchant steamships by the Peninsular and Orient company, which has just taken over the fleet of the Hain Steamship company. The twenty-seven ships have an aggregate gross tonnage of 109,000. Sir Edward Hain, head of the company, died in September, after his only son had been killed at the front.

The owl has no motion in its eye, but it can turn its head almost in a complete circle without moving its body.

All fishes which sleep do so with their eyes open, as they are not provided with eyelids, and cannot therefore, close their eyes.

McADOO TO ISSUE FIRST OFFICIAL ORDER TODAY

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sued by the food and food administration and army quartermasters thru a single government transportation director to supervise only government shipments.

The director general's advisers have recommended creation of such an agency, emphasizing that the government railroad administration must justify itself immediately by providing for speedier transportation of coal. Mr. McAdoo is known to have given serious thought to the coal situation and to have received suggestions that a representative of the fuel administration be included in his staff.

Mr. McAdoo does not expect to ask an appropriation for administering government operation, and his staff probably will be composed largely of men already on the government or railroad payroll. He will receive no additional salary for acting in the dual capacity of director general of railroads and secretary of the treasury.

Will Consider Wage Increases

The pending demand of the four railway brotherhoods for a forty per cent wage increase will be considered probably in a month or two, along with the more sweeping question of higher wages for all employees including those unorganized. A sharp reduction of high salaries now paid railroad presidents may help in a small way to provide funds for wage increases.

If congress follows President Wilson's recommendations concerning the guarantee of the average pre-war earnings, it will obligate the government to the extent of \$918,424,885, the average annual earnings of all roads for the three years ending last June 30. Figures compiled by the bureau of railway economics, an agency of the companies, show net operating income for the year ending June 30, 1915, as \$685,931,861, for 1916, \$1,005,192,794 and for 1917, \$1,054,190,790.

Congress might establish this basis of compensation, virtually the less rate for government operation, as it could not compel any roads to accept the terms and any company would recourse to the courts if it considered the rate too low. The court is not looked for from many roads however.

Under the bill under which officials have drawn for presentation to congress it would provide that earnings exceeding this basis would revert to the government for general expenditure or as a special fund for railroad improvements. Dividend payments would be subject to supervision and approval of the interstate commerce commission. Roads would make their own improvements under the plan and provide for their own bond issues, but both would be under government supervision. The size and interest rate on securities issues would be subject to the interstate commerce commission's approval and the rate by law would be limited to a minimum of four per cent and a maximum of 6 1/2 per cent. The president would be authorized to buy on government account any or all future railroad bond issues most of which would be to provide additional equipment or improvements, thus the necessary legal means would be provided for government financing of improvements. Such a plan would automatically give the government power to regulate improvements and to prevent extraordinary and unnecessary expenditures for such purposes.

On the other hand it is understood to be Mr. McAdoo's intention to resort to construction of new lines or additional tracks on trunk lines if this proves desirable to relieve congestion. The administration's policies along this line are expected to be vigorous in extending lines wherever needed for efficient prosecution of the economic forces behind the war. Reports were circulated today that the interstate commerce commission might decide to postpone indefinitely decision of the fifteen per cent rate cases and other important rate questions until it can be ascertained whether government operation will result in material lowering of operation costs thru elimination of competitive waste.

FIGHT GREAT BATTLES IN AIR

ITALIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, Dec. 27.—By Associated Press.—One of the greatest air raids the enemy has attempted on this front came to grief yesterday when nearly half a fleet of twenty-five airplanes was destroyed, with an extensive list of killed or wounded.

The big fleet swept over the camp west of Treviso at eight o'clock yesterday morning flying low and discharging machine guns. Considerable damage was done. Notwithstanding the surprise the Italian and British machines were soon in the air and engaged the enemy at close quarters. The fighting was most spectacular, eight of the enemy cars being brought down, six of them falling within the Italian lines. The other machines beat a hasty retreat.

The raiders, however, returned at eleven o'clock and several more were disposed of, two falling inside the Italian lines. An observer who has just returned says that the scene of the conflict is covered with wreckage of the enemy craft. One of the machines brought down was a dreadnaught carrying three persons, the others carried two. All of these men were killed, wounded or captured.

WANT PEACE

Amsterdam, Dec. 27.—The tenor of the Austrian comment on the Brest-Litovsk negotiations is that the entente powers have no longer any excuse for the continued flourishing of the sword and that nobody can deny the sincerity of the central powers' desire for peace.

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TWO AMERICANS CITED FOR GALLANTRY

Members of Expeditionary Forces Cited in French Army Orders.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Lieutenant Frank M. Post, Jr., and Private Frank A. Ross, of the American expeditionary forces have been cited for gallantry in French army orders. Letters of commendation written them by General Pershing's chief of staff were made public tonight by the war department.

Lieutenant Post, son of Mrs. Price Post of Tuxedo Park, N. Y., during a flight at the aviation school at Pau, found his machine breaking into flames but managed to make a safe landing and rescue his instruments.

Private Ross, a nephew of Charles Cooper, of 1529 72nd street, Brooklyn, N. Y., distinguished himself by courage under fire during a recent bombardment. He was "gassed," notwithstanding his removal to a hospital. The letter to Lieutenant Post says:

"The commander-in-chief has received the following order of the day for Sept. 26, 1917, from the French school at Pau:

"The commander of the school congratulates Lieutenant Post for the remarkable coolness which he manifested during a flight on Sept. 25. The example of this officer conserving all his calmness in the face of fire on board, effecting a normal landing and rescuing from the flames his instruments on board his airplane, should serve as a model for all aviators. He has shown them qualities which every military pilot should possess."

"The commander in chief is particularly gratified in having an American officer so soon get honorable mention from our French allies and I am very glad to congratulate him in his name."

BEQUESTS MADE PUBLIC.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 27.—Bequests aggregating \$125,000 were left to various Catholic institutions by the will of Miss Mary E. Boyce, who died here last Friday at the age of 77. The estate is estimated to be worth \$1,000,000. Among the bequests are \$10,000 to St. Louis University, \$7,000 for the education of priests at the American College in Rome, \$8,000 for the Catholic Orphans Asylum and \$7,000 to the Archbishop of St. Louis for the benefit of any theological seminary he may select. Most of the estate is left to the heirs of Mrs. Louise Frances Clark, widow of Dr. Clark of Baltimore.

TWO HUNDRED MILLERS IN CONFERENCE

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 27.—More than two hundred members of the Southwestern Millers League conferring here today, with A. J. Hunt, chairman of the milling division of the food administration concerning the new milling regulations effective this week, adopted resolutions approving the measures taken and pledged support to the food administration. The resolutions put the members on record as pledged to the manufacture of good wholesome flour in the conviction that flour made under these regulations will be entirely satisfactory to the public.

The discussion developed that mills making flour on army contracts may continue to turn out the highest grade for the soldiers but all others are restricted to "war flour" of not more than 264 pounds of clean wheat to the barrel of flour.

WOMEN COMPLETE COURSE IN ELEMENTARY HYGIENE

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Four thousand Chicago women have completed a course in elementary hygiene and home care of the sick under the auspices of the Red Cross it was announced today. The course of training it is believed will provide proper care for the sick at home and thus release more trained nurses for war service.

EXPRESSES LOYALTY.

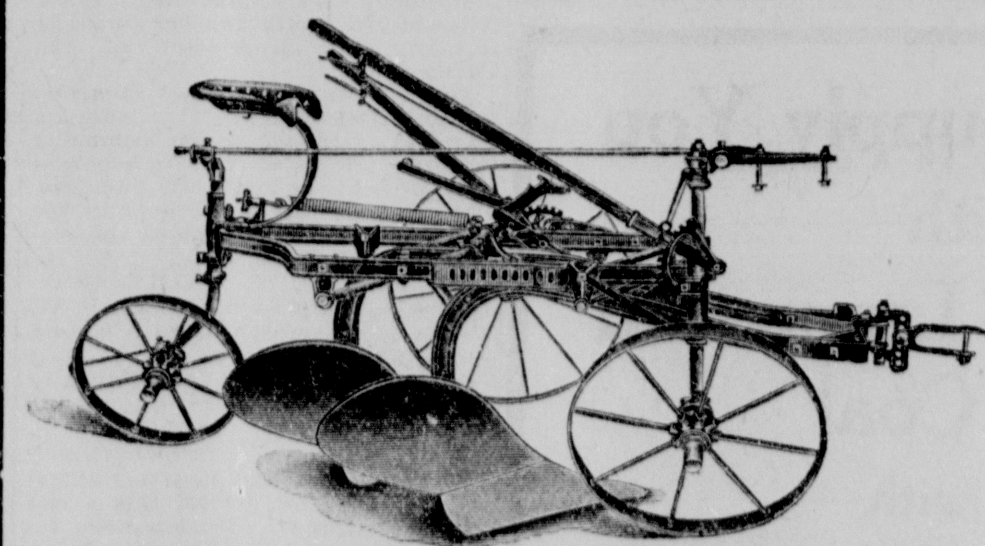
Chicago, Dec. 27.—Expressions of loyalty and assurances of support were tendered President Wilson and the United States government in resolutions adopted at the convention of the Hindustan association of America today. The association is composed of students from India in American colleges.

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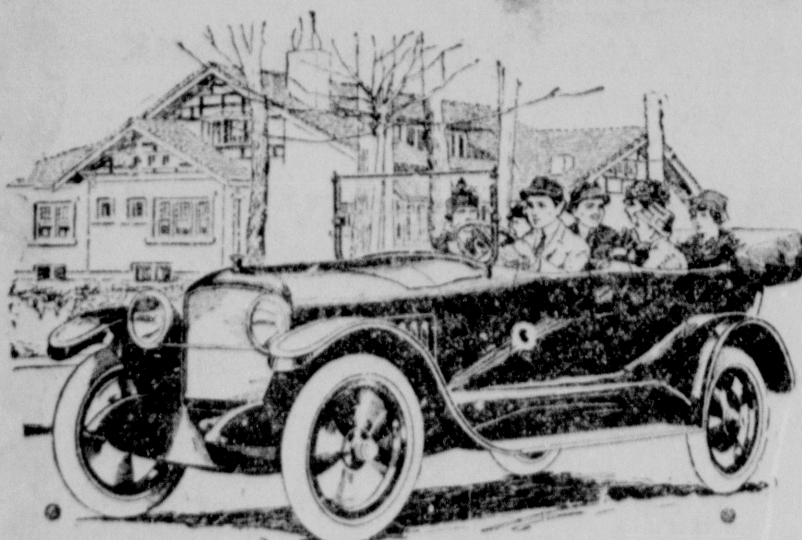
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BASKETBALL SCHEDULE
FOR MINOR COLLEGES

Schedule Shows That War Has Little Effect on the Game—Year Will be Busy One During January and February.

The following basketball schedule has been given out for minor Illinois colleges. The schedule is fully as heavy as in former years and shows that the war has had little effect on the popular indoor game. During January and February all of the teams in the Little Nineteen conference will be busy. The schedule follows:

Jan. 4—Hedding at Lombard.
Jan. 5—Eureka at Bradley, Millikin at Charleston, Monmouth at Hedding.
Jan. 7—Charleston Normal at Illinois college.
Jan. 8—Millikin at Wesleyan.
Jan. 11—Lombard at Normal, Illinois State Normal at Millikin, Wesleyan at Eureka, Bradley at Hedding, Monmouth at Parsons.
Jan. 12—Bradley at Augustana, Monmouth at Wesleyan.
Jan. 17—Illinois college at Eastern Illinois.
Jan. 18—Monmouth at Lombard, Millikin at State Normal, Bradley at Wesleyan.
Jan. 21—Illinois State Normal at Augustana, Hedding at Bradley, Illinois college at Blackburn.
Jan. 27—Illinois Wesleyan at State Normal.
Jan. 25—Illinois at Millikin, Charleston Normal at Wesleyan, Lombard at Bradley.
Jan. 26—Charleston Normal at

State Normal, Iowa Wesleyan at Monmouth, Blackburn at Illinois college, Lombard at Bradley.
Feb. 1—Lombard at Monmouth, Millikin at St. Viators.
Feb. 2—Eureka at Augustana, Wesleyan at Bradley.
Feb. 6—State Normal vs. Browns at Bloomington.
Feb. 7—Augustana at Wesleyan, Bradley at Eureka.
Feb. 8—Knox at Lombard, Hedding at Illinois college.
Feb. 9—Augustana at State Normal, Bradley at Millikin, Monmouth at Knox.
Feb. 12—Eureka at Normal.
Feb. 14—Wesleyan at Illinois college.
Feb. 15—Bradley at State Normal, Lombard at Augustana, Wesleyan at Millikin, Lake Forest at Knox.
Feb. 16—Wesleyan at Eastern Normal, Illinois at Hedding, Lake Forest at Monmouth, State Normal college at Augustana.
Feb. 22—Illinois college at Normal, Charleston Normal at Millikin, Augustana at Eureka, Lombard at Knox, Beloit at Monmouth.
Feb. 23—Augustana at Bradley, Beloit at Knox.
Feb. 27—State Normal at Wesleyan.
March 1—Monmouth at Beloit.
March 2—Monmouth at Lake Forest.
March 8—Knox at Monmouth.

A FINE SOUVENIR ALBUM

P. W. Fox has received from his son Audrain a splendid souvenir in the shape of an album of photographic reproductions of pictures of the regiment with which the young man is connected. First comes a page devoted to the officers of the 7th Regiment U. S. Engineers; a page to two pictures, a headquarters detachment and the color sergeant guards. Then comes the seventh divisional train and after that a page is devoted to each company and in Co. A is the son plainly recognizable as he sits at the end of the line. Companies B, C, D, E, and F follow respectively and all are excellent. After that come a number of pictures of camp life and scenes peculiar to military bodies. Hitting the bull is a picture of men practicing target shooting; then comes a picture of gabions, hurdles and fascines; chevaux de frise, wire and various entanglements; trenches a mile from somewhere. The whole will be a valuable reminder of the camp life in which the young man is working at the present time.

MOTHERS ASSOCIATION

The Mothers Association will hold a meeting in the Public Library this afternoon. One of the soldier boys will be present and talk to the mothers and a mother who has been at one of the training camps also will tell of what she saw.

MISS CARRIE HUGHES
ENTERTAINS FRIENDS

Entertainment in Honor of Charles Flanagan and Fred Zoll—Other News From Waverly and Vicinity.

Waverly, Ill. Dec. 27.—Miss Carrie Hughes entertained a few friends Monday evening in honor of Charles Flanagan and Fred Zoll who will leave Saturday for the Quartermaster's Training Camp at Jacksonville, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meredith and daughter Lucille of Little Rock, Ark. are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Barrow.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Burbank and daughter, Miss Georgiadean and Paul Dagner of Springfield and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Curry of Girard spent Tuesday at the home of Elder and Mrs. J. A. Conlee.

Rev. and Mrs. M. S. Metzler and son Dwight spent Christmas at Neoga, where they went to meet Newman Metzler who is there on a furlough from Camp Grant.

Mr. and Mrs. John Henninger returned to their home in Springfield Tuesday evening after several days visit at the home of relatives.

Miss Madelyn Ashbaugh is spending the holidays at her home in St. Louis.

Lyle Dennis returned to Camp Taylor, Ky., after a few days visit with relatives here.

Miss Margaret Grant returned to her home in Jacksonville after a week's visit with relatives here.

Mrs. D. J. Martin and daughter Miss Helen of Auburn came Tuesday for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Woods.

Mrs. P. B. Tulpin and daughter Alberta are spending a few days visiting relatives in Jacksonville.

Hersley Crain is home from Jefferson Barracks for a few days.

INTERESTING FACTS
REGARDING BELGIAN HARES.

Mrs. Belle Elliott Palmer of this city is an authority not only on literature but on other subjects as an exhaustive article on Belgian hares written by her for the "Farm and Ranch," Dallas, Texas, will show.

In these times when food is such a prime object anything that will tend to increase the supply is worth investigating. Mrs. Palmer says she knows of one person who makes a large amount of money on the Belgian hares just as a side issue.

From her article a few paragraphs are culled. From \$50 to \$250 a month is the result of the occupation, depending on care and money involved. The work is so simple that when once thoroughly mastered either sex, young or old, can co-operate pleasantly in making it a success. Cleanliness, untiring interest and common sense are the requisites for success.

When selecting stock see that the eyes are bright and expressive, movements active, claws sharp, hair in condition being marked many hares have black tips, forming pretty ripple effect and hooks or paws in perfect condition. Put the buck or doe in quarantine several days and watch for signs of disease.

The quarters for the little creatures need not be very expensive but should always be kept scrupulously clean. The food is varied and can be secured in almost any state. The article mentions some and says the list is but a small portion of the possibilities. Dried roots, acorns, apples, anise seed, turnips, dried peas, potatoes, artichokes, leeks, roots, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, chicory, clover, alfalfa, corn, oats, dandelion, dock, barley, parsley, lentils, lettuce, marshmallows, mink thistles, and much sweet hay. Hay should be in attached racks where the young cannot get it too fast. Grain, vegetables and mashes should be fed in crocks with sides sloping inward.

Two meals a day will be found sufficient, one with plenty of green food the other heavier and more warm such as grains and mashes. Sweet hay should always be kept in a rack to be eaten at the rabbit's discretion. When the thermometer is above 90 degrees it is well to supply a lemon or two to a gallon of water for their drink and be sure to have clean, pure water always.

Carefully avoid inbreeding. A doe will generally have four litters a year and as the animals sell for from 25 to 50 cents each it is easy to see what may be made raising them. The skin sell for from six to ten cents each. As a side issue, something for the children or old folks Belgian hare raising may be worth while. Mrs. Palmer no doubt would permit any one interested to make a complete copy of her article of which but a brief outline has been given.

RECEIVE LETTER FROM SON.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mason of 336 Lorton street, have received the following letter from their son, Raymond R. Mason, who is at Camp Greene, North Carolina.

Dec. 22, 1917.
Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C.
Dearest Mother and Father:

Just a few lines to let you know I am well and happy. I received your letter last night and was sure glad to hear from you. This is a fine camp. I like it better than any camp we have been in yet. I sure like the Sunny South. I guess I won't come home Christmas. Some of the fellows are going without a pass. I am having a good time in camp. I have a good pal, so he and I go to church every Sunday night. I think that is a pretty good way to spend the evening. Don't you? A soldier's life is just like that of anyone else. We have hard times and we have good times. I have good time most of the while. Well, mother, I guess I will close for this time.

Answer soon. I am as ever your Soldier Boy.

Pvt. Raymond R. Mason.
Headquarters Co. 77th F. A.
Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C.

James Shields of Joliet is visiting his brother John, the brick mason and plasterer and other friends and relatives in the city.



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INTERESTING NEWS
FROM ARENZVILLE

Christmas Entertainments at Presbyterian, M. E., and Lutheran Churches Well Attended—Family Reunion at J. Wood Home.

Arenzville, Dec. 27.—Mr. and Mrs. Ely Wood entertained their children at Christmas dinner which was greatly enjoyed by the parents and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zahn and John Berger, wife and son spent Christmas day at Mercedes with Mrs. Zahn's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Zahn returned Wednesday evening from Woodson where they had been to eat Christmas dinner with Mrs. Zahn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Blumling. The Christmas program at the German Lutheran church was a success Christmas eve.

The program given by the Sunday school classes of the M. E. and Presbyterian churches Christmas eve was well rendered to a crowded house.

Arthur Burrows and wife spent Christmas day with his sister, Mrs. B. Willy.

John Schwaer and wife entertained at dinner Christmas their daughter and family and Orville Hackman and children.

Elven Long went to Jacksonville Wednesday to visit with his grandmother, Mrs. Milton Long, during vacation.

Mrs. Henry Zahn is visiting with friends and relatives in Jacksonville this week.

Mrs. Homer is visiting with her brother, Mr. Emerick, near Concord this week.

Mrs. Craven and daughter, Ruth are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wood.

Mrs. Robert Ham and daughter, Mabel spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Green. Mr. Green has been ill, but is now improving.

Dave Giger and wife ate Christmas dinner with Mrs. Giger's sister, Mrs. B. Willy.

Misses Florence and Grace McElroy are at home from Normal to spend the holidays with their parents.

Miss Mary Schaefer returned from Beardstown where she has been visiting with friends and relatives.

John Irving, wife and daughter spent Christmas day at Concord with Mrs. Irving's sisters, Louisa Zulauf and sister spent Christmas day with their father, John Zulauf of Beardstown.

A STUDENT WITH THE MARINES

Word has been received from Corporal Merle Blochetter, now with the U. S. Marines where he has been for the past six months. His home is in New Canton and he was formerly a student at Illinois college. He is making good as are the rest of the college and Morgan county boys and they will all be heard from in no uncertain manner.

William Luby was a city arrival from New Berlin yesterday.

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SPORT CHATTER

Rowing at Harvard next spring may be "informal," but in the event of a capsized shell the ducking will be the real thing.

Stock headlines: "Another Set-up for Benny onard," "Soft Picking for Benny," "Champion Never in Danger," "Leonard Expects Hard Bout." (bull.)

President Weeghman of the Cubs says that pennants have been won in the past with only 18 men. Wonder der 12 Charles believes that 18 of his 1918 Cubs can turn the trick?

In New York they call it an international wrestling tournament. But it sounds good, and folks always feel better when they are let down easy.

Although he was unable to make the Boston Navy Yard football team, being several feet shy in height, "Rabbit" Maranville is the same old pepper box when it comes to rolling for his team.

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FOOD SITUATION IN BOHEMIA CRITICAL

Letters Which Evaded Austrian Censorship Tell of Desperate Plight Bohemia is in—Crops Cut Short by Drought—Few Soldiers Left at Home.

London, December 27. (Correspondence of the Associated Press)—The food situation in parts of Austria, notably Bohemia, is at present more critical than at any previous period of the war, according to letters which have been received by Czechs here, after evading the Austrian censorship. Bohemia, both owing to her geographical situation and the concentration of her population in the industrial districts, has always been dependent on outside assistance as far as her food supply is concerned.

"You can't conceive what a desperate plight we are in," says one letter, "and it will be even worse as winter comes on, for there has been no harvest to speak of. Owing to the drought, everything has been burned up; there is no wheat, and soon there will be no potatoes. Nobody sees how we can endure another winter. Even the peasant farmers have not enough for themselves. There is practically no meat—y-o-u can perhaps buy a scrap once a week after standing for four hours in line. There are strikes and demonstrations everywhere, but the newspapers are not allowed to say anything about them."

Many Die of Starvation. Another letter says: "The rations per head are now: Bread 2 pounds weekly; flour, for married people only, 1 pound weekly; potatoes, 1 pound weekly; sugar 142 pound weekly. But in reality it is practically impossible to obtain one's full allowance of anything. Food is issued on Fridays and Saturdays every week, but it frequently happens that those who have finished their rations too soon or who have no money to procure something by underhanded means, die of starvation on Thursday. The management of the Food Bureau attempts to satisfy our appetites by providing the most terrible bread, the mere sight of which often upsets the starving stomach."

"It is true we have the much-vaunted soup kitchens, which provide a midday meal. But the meal is no longer anything nourishing, but only water containing beets, clover and turnip. The war vegetables are occasionally supplemented with horse meat which things are going badly on the front. Thus when the Italian offensives were going badly against us, many wagon-loads of dead horses were brought to the factory kitchens to be made into soup. These kitchens supply the invalid soldiers, and also the foreign workmen, mostly Poles."

"Whenever a report came in that the Italians were winning, there was great rejoicing among these slaves at the prospect of getting meat soup. These wretched creatures, who are conscripted for work in the mines and factories, are literally slaves. Not only is their personal liberty restricted, but corporal punishments are inflicted for the slightest retort; the offender is flogged and shaved close, like a convict, as a mark of humiliation."

End is at Hand. "A good many men may still be seen in the industrial towns, but there are absolutely none in the villages. A few sons of rich landowners have been able to escape military service by suddenly becoming indispensable to some mine or factory. There are very few soldiers left at home now, although there were plenty last March. The end is at hand."

Corroborative evidence of the critical situation in Bohemia is found in several more official sources. In the Austrian Budget Committee, the deputy, M. Zenker, declared that the shortage of flour and bread was now almost complete. "If the government really desires to continue the war," he said, "it will have to take some very urgent measures. We will afterwards have something to say about Hungary, which would be well advised to give way and let us have some of her stored up food. If she does not want to see a current of overwhelming opinion rise against Budapest to the great detriment of the Dual Monarchy."

In the Austrian Upper House on Oct. 27, Dr. Gilbert Helmer, Lord Abbot of Tepl, and one of the most influential churchmen in Austria-Hungary, said: "Terrible want reigns in the districts of Gablonz, Rumburg and Wardsdorf, and in the Erzgebirge. Conditions in the last named district are appalling, owing to the failure of the Czech population to do their duty to the community in handling over foodstuffs. It is even widely reported that the failure of the Czechs to hand over their food hoards is due to rebellious Nationalistic aspirations."

EXTENSIVE ANTHRACITE DEPOSIT IN JAPAN. Tokyo—Discovery of the most extensive deposit of anthracite ever found on the main island of Japan is announced. It extends for more than eighteen miles along mountain ranges and it is near the naval base at Malurus and in close proximity to the railway, the discovery is regarded as of great importance.

Almost at the same time an extensive tungsten mine was discovered near Nikaga prefecture. These discoveries are attracting wide interest at this time when Japan is planning to build up an independent position in all mineral products.

FOOD PRICES HIGHER IN VIENNA. London.—Retail food prices in Vienna average 211 per cent higher than in July, 1914, according to information received here. The heaviest increase occurred in fatty foods, lard being 636 per cent, bacon and margarine each 500 and butter 469 per cent dearer. The smallest advances occurred in sugar and rye-bread which are 37 and 68 per cent dearer respectively.

WILL SEEK TO PREVENT HOARDING OF FOOD

Netherlands Police Raid Storehouses and Seize Quantities of Supplies Hidden Away—Much of Goods Hoarded of Perishable Nature.

The Hague, Netherlands, December 27. (Correspondence)—To prevent hoarding and speculation in foodstuffs, the police have raided many storehouses in this city and seized large quantities of miscellaneous supplies. This action followed the publication in the newspapers of serious warnings of the foolishness and danger of the public practice of accumulating and hiding foods.

This practice has developed with the approach of winter and is referred to as "hamstering," a word derived from the name of a rat having two cheek pouches for holding grain. Owing to the virtual blockade of the Netherlands from various sources of supply, there is in sight a probable shortage of various kinds of food and other commodities in common use. Observing the extending of the ration system and the soaring prices and anticipating a greater restriction of supplies the Hollanders have been filling their cupboards and cellars with flour, rice, oatmeal, condensed milk, butter, potatoes and any available foodstuff.

Meanwhile the speculators have been piling up in their warehouses furs, leather and woolen goods, fats, oil and almost anything in the form of necessities that can be purchased and stored away. A large part of the goods so hoarded or held for speculation is highly perishable and may be a loss to the public unless taken promptly from the storage.

CITY AND COUNTY

John H. Higgins was a city arrival from Quincy yesterday.

Mrs. E. S. Johnson of Camp Point was among the city shoppers yesterday.

Mrs. Anna Ranson, son and daughter were city arrivals from Franklin yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hopper of Sinclair were city shoppers yesterday.

Miss Della Shibe of Winchester was a city shopper yesterday.

Bert Stinton of Quincy was added to the list of city callers yesterday.

George Kimbler was a city arrival from Waverly yesterday.

Charles Seymour made a trip from Franklin to the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hiser helped represent Joy Prairie in the city yesterday.

J. W. Arnold of Arnold station was a city caller yesterday.

Samuel Hembrough of Franklin made a trip to the city yesterday.

Mrs. Charles Day was a city shopper from Winchester yesterday.

Frank Winger of the northeast part of the county was among the callers in the city yesterday.

George Naulty was down to the city from Prentice yesterday.

J. J. Clark of Arcadia was a caller on Jacksonville merchants yesterday.

J. L. Lawless helped represent Murrayville precinct in the city yesterday.

Roy Kasson of Prentice made a business trip to the city yesterday.

Michael Robinson of Murrayville was among the city arrivals yesterday.

Dr. Metcalf of Franklin was attending to affairs in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Lloyd Sibert of Louisiana, Mo., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Minnie Wheeler of this city.

Miss Lillian Solomon of Decatur was a caller on city friends yesterday.

J. E. Johnson of Camp Point was a city visitor yesterday.

John Mandeville was a representative of Murrayville in the city yesterday.

A. W. Williams of Quincy was added to the list of city callers yesterday.

Mrs. Clarence Duckett of Chapin was a city shopper yesterday.

Luther Crawford of the east part of the county was transacting business in the city yesterday.

Benton Buchanan of Pisgah precinct was attending to affairs in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Oliver, north of the city was a visitor in town yesterday.

George Becker of Wichita, Kansas is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Becker of South Main street.

Mrs. Scott, north of the city, was shopping in town yesterday.

George W. Osborne of Lathrop, Missouri, is visiting his brothers, J. T. C. A. and William of this city.

W. H. Lawless of Murrayville was a traveler to the city yesterday.

Jesse Butler of the south part of the county was transacting business in the city yesterday.

Cort Hughes of the north part of the county was a city caller yesterday.

Richard Adkins of Springfield was a traveler to the city yesterday.

Edward Cox was a representative of White Hall in the city yesterday.

John Shelton of Woodson precinct was a city caller yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Langdon of Murrayville precinct were city shoppers yesterday.

Mrs. M. C. Chenoweth of Chambersburg visited her son H. K. and wife of this city yesterday.

Mrs. Charles R. Lewis, daughter Louise and son Byron, were down from Springfield for a visit with Jacksonville friends.

William McElroy of Arenzville visited his former roommate Elmer Gaylord and other Jacksonville friends yesterday and proceeded to Jerseyville for a visit there.

PROVIDENCE

Milton Seymour was a Jacksonville caller Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sprinkle of Chicago are visiting at the home of T. W. Deere.

Mrs. Kate Seymour, Milton and Lila Seymour spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Berd Seymour.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Seymour spent Tuesday with W. R. Lovell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Rousey and daughter Martha Irene spent Tuesday and Wednesday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rousey.

Henry Bacon spent from Friday until Wednesday with his son, Carl Bacon and family near Murrayville.

Those spending Christmas day at the home of W. L. Seymour were Mr. and Mrs. Vine Seymour, Mr. and Mrs. Jule Seymour, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Story, Mrs. Martha Wood, Lloyd Ballard and Robert Seymour.

Nina Cox and Mary Wilkerson are visiting at the home of Leslie Cox near Durbin.

Mrs. Emma Cox is visiting at the home of her son, Bert Cox, near Hartland.

Miss Martha Seymour spent Saturday night and Sunday with Lila Seymour.

Helen Rousey spent from Friday until Sunday with Emma Keenan of Franklin and attended the play.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Seymour are visiting Mrs. Seymour's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Peak of Girard, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cox spent Wednesday with his brother, Lloyd Cox. Emma Keenan spent Sunday night with Lila Seymour.

Fred Spikes is on the sick list at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Jule Seymour were Jacksonville shoppers Monday.

T. W. Deere and family and Mr. and Mrs. Sprinkle were Sunday visitors at the home of George Deere.

Several of the young people attended the play at Franklin Friday and Saturday nights.

BACK TO CAMP TAYLOR. W. T. Fanning has been enjoying a short visit from Bernard Stewart, who boarded with him some time ago but enlisted and securing a furlough came up from Camp Taylor to visit his former landlord.

Unfortunately he was detained by railroad slowness so was able to stay a little more than a day, returning yesterday afternoon. He speaks in high terms of praise of things in general.

The Y. M. C. A. he especially admires and says the boys are well cared for and all is going well.

Mr. Stewart is a fine specimen of a soldier and will give a good record as the war proceeds.

PROBATE COURT. In the estate of Mary Crotty petition of Patrick Crotty for probate of will. Hearing set for January 21, 1918.

HOUSEWORK IS A BURDEN. Woman's lot is a weary one at best. But with backache and other distressing kidney ills life indeed becomes a burden. Doan's Kidney Pills have made life brighter for many Jacksonville women. Read what Mrs. A. Long of 900 Beesley Ave., Jacksonville, says: "Doan's Kidney Pills are the best kidney remedy I have ever used and I have recommended them to many people. I took Doan's Kidney Pills for lameness across my back which was so bad I could hardly get through with my housework. My kidneys weren't acting right either. I was advised to use Doan's Kidney Pills and I got some at Allcott's Drug Store. They soon removed the complaint and I haven't noticed any symptoms of that trouble since."

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(B) 160 acres much of it black prairie land and all in high state of fertility, one-half of it now in wheat and clover. There is a five room house, good sized barn, corn crib and sufficient out buildings to care for stock, feed and implements. Price \$150.00 per acre.

(C) We can show you a farm of nearly 200 acres, 140 acres of which are fine farming land well tilled and mostly black timber soil. Balance is blue grass pasture land with some timber. There is an excellent house, big horse barn, cow barn, tenant house and barn and out buildings in abundance. This is a beautiful home near shipping point on the C. & A. and near good town of the "Q". And in every way an excellent grain and stock farm. Forty acres of growing wheat goes with the deal. Price \$150.00 per acre.

(D) South of Woodson we have a 160 acre farm, good timber soil, and the greater portion good farming land and the balance excellent blue grass pasture land with no timber. There is a nice six room cottage, horse barn, corn cribs, silo and feeder shed. This farm can be had for \$140 per acre and owner will take some Jacksonville property in exchange.

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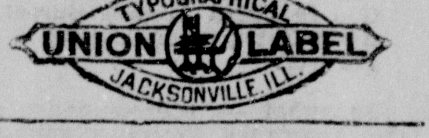
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PRICES OF GRAIN

AVERAGE LOWER

Announcement That Government
Would Take Possession of Rail-
roads is Cause.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Grain prices averaged
lower today chiefly on announcement
that the government would take pos-
session of the railroads. Corn closed steady
January \$1.30 1/2, and May \$1.30 1/2, with
the finish as a whole ending from 1/2 to 3/4
decline to 1/2 advance, compared with
2 1/2 hours before. Oats underwent a set-
back of 1/2 to 1 1/2 cent and provision of
1/2 to 1/2 cent.

Most corn traders inclined to the be-
lief that the government would now
bring about a larger movement of feed
stuffs from the interior to the principal
terminals; but aggressive selling based
on this theory, however, was checked by
a disposition to wait until the actual
grain moved up.

At the outset prices of oats had an
upward slant owing to export inquiries,
but the new railroad outlook and peace
talk led to a sharp break.

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GRIM VISAGED WAR

The Sacred Soil of Illinois Invaded by a Foreign Foe
(By J. M. Swales)

In 1914 when the great armies of Europe began mobilizing I predicted that this nation would be drawn into the world cat-astrophe in spite of all that we could do to avert it. The treaties formulated by Premier Bryan and the classic notes indicated by President Wilson fired across the water only made matters worse, and added fuel to the flame that was lighting up all the European nations and the sparks began falling over here. Yet we were lulled into fancied security on account of our so-called secure isolation, three thousand miles of water intervening between our fair land and war's desolation. German sympathizers and white livered pacifists here and hereabouts, said war, so far as we were concerned was ab-so-lutely impossible, and the very idea of preparedness was a delusion and a snare, and was only calculated to make the timid more timid and the pacifist more pacifist.

War Right at Home

But we have at last awakened to the horrible fact that grim visaged war and the frightfulness that follows in its bloody train is at our very doors and we are even now surrounded by the Boche army that laid Belgium waste and devastated Serbia and northern France. How do I know it? If you had been with me yesterday and all of last night you would not ask such a silly question, for I saw at least a million of men with gray uniforms and spiked helmets marching and counter-marching, digging trenches and planting enormous siege guns on prominent elevations just beyond Big Sandy.

I was right in among them and while I did not understand their language I gathered from their gyrations and gesticulations that they were preparing to move on Jacksonville in full force. Shiver my timbers, but I was scared stiff. One of the officers who could speak a little broken English looked at me as if he would eat me blood raw and asked, "Who in hell are you and vat iss your pizness in our lines?" I told him I was an American citizen and it did not concern him where I was, and for him to go jump into Morgan lake. Whereat he laughed immediately and said it was "a choke I was giving him, for I was dry yet already," and that he heard all about Jacksonville being a dry Pailivick before he left Germany.

At that he spoke in German to a couple of weenie eaters nearby, who marched me to the rear end to the headquarters of the commanding of-

ficer of the army. His name was Gen. Von Knockemstiff. He looked at me as though I were a frog-eating polli, and asked me about the defenses in around Jacksonville. I told him that our city was nobly defended and that she had a corps of Home Guards who had on more than one occasion covered themselves with glory.

He asked me what that tall building was away off to the north, and when I told him it was the Ayers National bank, where they catch the golden stream he chuckled and chortled and finally said "dat sounds goot to me, for ve iss short mit funds and vill take a shot at it and see vat about dot gotten stream."

"You will not," said I, "unless you do it over the dead bodies of the Jacksonville Invisibles — I should have said invisibles."

Alton Devastated

This army had marched up from New Orleans and had devastated all the cities and towns along the Father of Waters. They left St. Louis a mass of ruined homes after looting all the banks and big department stores. At Alton they left nothing but the hills on which it stood. All old men and women and children were put to the sword. The young women were brought along to be used as cooks, and for other purposes. The boys and young men of military age were forced into their army. Some who stubbornly refused were backed up against a wall with a firing squad in front of them.

What Sherman did in Georgia some years ago was not a patch to what Gen. Von Knockemstiff and his horde had been doing in the Mississippi valley. After leaving Alton in ruins they cleaned up Jerseyville, Carrollton, Rockbridge, White Hall, Roddhouse. All these towns were razed and nothing remained but black ruin. While I was inside their lines several of my old friends from White Hall were brought. Dr. A. W. Foreman, Ray and Ed Pearce, Louis Lowenstein and his son Carl, and a lot of others; these were all put to the sword. And from Jacksonville came others, some of whom expected leniency because they opposed sending our boys to France, but this plea availed them not at all for they perished miserably. Some went so far as to say their sympathies had, from the first, been with the Vatterland. Von Knockemstiff asked "em why they didn't get out and fight and show that they had the courage of their convictions. Von had no patience with 'em for he said he had

read in German history something about copperheads in the American Civil war and these cattle were of that class. "Raus mit 'em!" They were lined up and shot neatly and well.

At Diamond Grove

The next day the lines were advanced to within a short distance of Diamond Grove cemetery and details were made to go there and form a barricade of granite and marble and what was once the most beautiful city of the dead in the state was soon a scene of desolation and destruction for they built a wall that reached from Roy Mawson's residence west of Diamond Grove clear to South Main street. Big 40 centimetre guns were brought up from the rear, which included Buckhorn, and were trained on Illinois college. The first shell did its work neatly and well for the grand old structure was a mass of ruins and the pride and glory of Jacksonville was gone forever and Prof. Rammelkamp was out of a job except as secretary of the Morgan County Monument association.

The School for the Deaf was the next objective and a few well directed shots made the institution resemble parts of Belgium which fell to the power of the Hun in the early stages of the world war. A charge was then ordered, and with fixed bayonets the blood-thirsty horde swept forward like a sea of destruction and more than 500 unfortunate deaf mutes were slaughtered in cold blood. The first shell from one of the big guns struck the printing department and exploded with cyclonic force, killing 19 of the pupils instantly, and scared Instructor Bill Camp so stiff he could hardly see a "side light" let in where the shell entered. The same shell wrecked the shoe department. Every one of the pupils learning the trade put in their "last" moment there. The destruction was complete and things looked as did Atlanta after Sherman visited that city in the summer of '64.

Moving east the bloody horde took in West State street and College avenue, looting and burning and ravishing and putting to fire and sword all the residents and stately residences of those two magnificent thoroughfares. But the quintessence of all the hellishness of this mob, for it had gotten beyond all semblance of an army, was centered around the financial sky scraper, known as the Jacksonville Invisibles. The Jacksonville Invisibles—or Invisibles as the case may be—were there in full force defending the golden stream and the "sniping" they did from the roof and the windows was terrible to behold. The street was filled with dead Boches and hundreds of wounded crawled over into the park and died, in sight of the golden stream, so near and yet so far, for those who had fought and fit and had their last "fit." Thus it was that the Invisibles saved the big bank and at the same time covered themselves with fadeless glory.

Gas Plant in Ruins

After being repulsed at the bank the foe reorganized and took in South Main street cleaning it up as they went. The gas plant was destroyed utterly, and that 125 foot smoke stack was razed to the earth by dynamite, the explosion killing hundreds of innocent people. Onward the foe swept with resistless fury until they reached the insane hospital. A few well trained shots from their big guns totally destroyed the main building, killing most of the unfortunate inmates. The few who escaped being scattered among the already terrified and horror-stricken residents of Hackettville, just beyond Michigan avenue. They then turned their attention to the big building where the incurables are, or were kept. They raked it fore and aft, front and center, with shot, shell and shrapnell till the devastation was complete.

By the time they got through it was dark and they ended the ghastly, gory carnival of crime by painting hell on the sky with bombs that flashed many colors, all resembling the inferno as it looked when Mike and Gabriel had their little set to and Mike was dumped into the lake of fire and brimstone. The Boche horde was enforcing the doctrine of the great German philosopher Nietzsche, who says and preaches the doctrine of the survival of the strongest, and that might makes right, and to hell with the weak and the unfortunate for they are cumberers of the earth.

After their awful destruction of the insane hospital they Shermanized Hackettville and swung toward the pumping station where they put Josh's little water joint out of commission in a jiffy. A squad crossed over from there and took a smash at Oak Lawn Retreat and left nothing but the ground on which it stood. A prominent German-American citizen was present and pleaded with them to stay the hand of ruthless devastation but his eloquent plea availed him not at all. Before applying the torch they riddled a big Red Cross banner with rifle shots and what was left of it was used to swab the big 40 centimetre gun that had done its work so neatly and well at the hospital.

Next came the destruction of the School for the Blind. Shell after shell exploded and it was pitiful to see the poor unfortunate blind pupils groping and stumbling among the ruins—that is, the few that were left. The Woman's College was also destroyed but fortunately most of the students were home spending their holiday vacation and escaped the wrath of those who were spreading war's desolation with fire and sword leaving nothing in their wake but black ruin and many hundreds of newly made graves.

After All Just a Dream
In this connection it might be well to state that this was only a dream—A horrible dream.
A nightmare.
Caused by the turkey I did not eat on Christmas day, for Santa Claus passed me up the night before. But all the horrors mentioned here may and probably will come to pass unless we arouse ourselves to the full realization that we are actually at and in the greatest war that ever

curled the earth since time began. And we must not only do our bit, but do it now, with all our heart and soul and body. It is a war to the knife and knife to the bloody hilt. If we can't take a physical part in the world shindy let us, by word and act stand by and behind our boys "over there" and forever cut out the chatter about waiting till they come over here to fight them. Get this important fact in your noodle, and don't let it slip from the tablet of your memory, that it's better to lick the enemy over there than over here, or get licked.

What the immortal Stephen A. Douglas said in 1861, just before the Civil war, applies with equal force today: "There are only two parties in this land today—patriots and traitors." And isn't that the rock-trabber, mountain-climber, everlastingly true? We are either for America or we are against it! It is no time for doubting Thomases or thin-skinned, white-livered pacifists of the type of Bill the Big Boss of the Windy Bailiwick by the lake side or LaPolletteism a little further north. It is useless to oppose sending our boys over there. They are already there, and by the eternal they will stay there till the banner of universal freedom and democracy waves triumphant throughout the world.

As Benjamin Franklin said when the immortal Declaration of Independence was being signed, "Let us hang together or we will hang separately." And we can hang together by supporting our president, congress and the leaders of our armies and navy, and the boys in the various training camps in this country and those "over there," on the firing line and in the rear, the ambulance corps, Y. M. C. A., Red Cross or any and every capacity they may be called upon to fill. "A long pull, a strong pull and a pull altogether" will put an eternal quietus on the aspirations of the war lords over there who love war for war's sake and who revel in blood and human suffering in order to keep their blood bought crowns from the scrap heap.

ELM GROVE

Miss Lillie Walker, teacher of Elm Grove school went to her home in Athens Saturday to spend Christmas holidays.

Among the Christmas shoppers in Jacksonville Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. James Ransom and daughter Fay, Mrs. Charley Hamel and son Harold and daughters Irene and Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scholfield, Miss Lillie Potter, Frank Ransom, Walter Fearnough and Miss Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Theodora Angelo.

Mrs. Walter Cassen was a Jacksonville shopper Friday.

Joe Barnhart visited Sunday with his sister, Mrs. C. A. Sheppard in Jacksonville.

Miss Fay Ransom went to Jacksonville Saturday to spend over Christmas with her grandmother, Mrs. Sutton.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Culp, Mr. and Mrs. James Ransom spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Theodora Angelo.

Quite a number from the Grove attended the box social and entertainment at Timber Edge school Friday evening. A good program was given.

Mrs. Adron Koynne spent Tuesday with her aunt, Mrs. R. R. Ragan.

Mrs. James Ransom planned a little surprise for Christmas on Herman Ellis, mail carrier on Route No. 2 by asking a few to donate and fixed up a nice box of good things.

BACK TO CAMP

W. L. Alcott and Lloyd W. Reynolds left again yesterday afternoon this time going to Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, for a short stay and thence, next week they expect to be transferred to San Antonio, Texas, where they will enter training in the aviation department.

CHINA ALARMED AT AMERICA'S POSITION

Recognition of Japan's Special Position in China Arouses Surprise—Ask if Integrity of Country is Lost Forever.

Shanghai — (Correspondence of the Associated Press)—Newspapers, printed in English in Shanghai and a small number of Chinese dailies, have taken the position that the Lansing-Ishii notes, in which the United States recognizes Japan's special position in China, enunciate no new principle but are merely a restatement of matter contained in numerous treaties and agreements.

The majority of the Chinese newspapers, however, do not share this view and regard the recognition of Japan's special position by America as a grave menace to China. Surprise is expressed that America has done anything which brings her historic friendship with China into question, and the surprise has also elicited a general warning from the Chinese press that China must arouse herself, create a stable government and get into a position where she can defend herself and need not rely upon foreign nations to protect her.

Many of the Shanghai Chinese papers, as well as newspapers in all the other large centers in China, emphasize the assertion that the negotiations between the United States and Japan make it appear that China is not an independent country. Commenting on this reflection upon China, the Shingwappo says:

"What can be more alarming and dispiriting than this? It is our citizens who have caused the international trouble and thus invited foreign aggression. Now we realize even the friendly country (United States) to which we have been looking for sympathy and assistance, is not to be relied upon. Does this mean that the integrity of the country is lost forever?"

The Shengpao says: "Is the territorial integrity of China still intact? In the strictest sense of the word, it has long ago been destroyed and shattered. The reason why China, in spite of her dead and rotten spirit, is still able to make an appearance of a living creature by propping up the skin with the bleached skeleton, is not because she has certain special characteristics which saves her from her fate, but because those who are watching the spoils with knife in hand, are still waiting for their time."

The Shengpao declares that it is unable to comprehend how it is possible to recognize Japan's special interests in China and at the same time to maintain the principle of the open door and equal commercial opportunity to all nations in China. The one is the opposite of the other, it asserts.

A gentleman of this city says he has friends in the west part of the county who have been and are very much troubled with soft corn. The elevator in their vicinity simply refuses to receive it and puts the price down so low it cannot be delivered.

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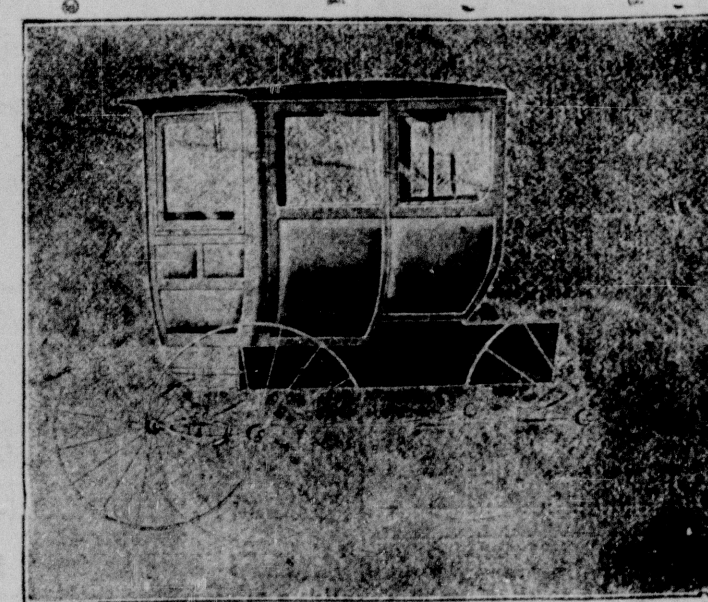
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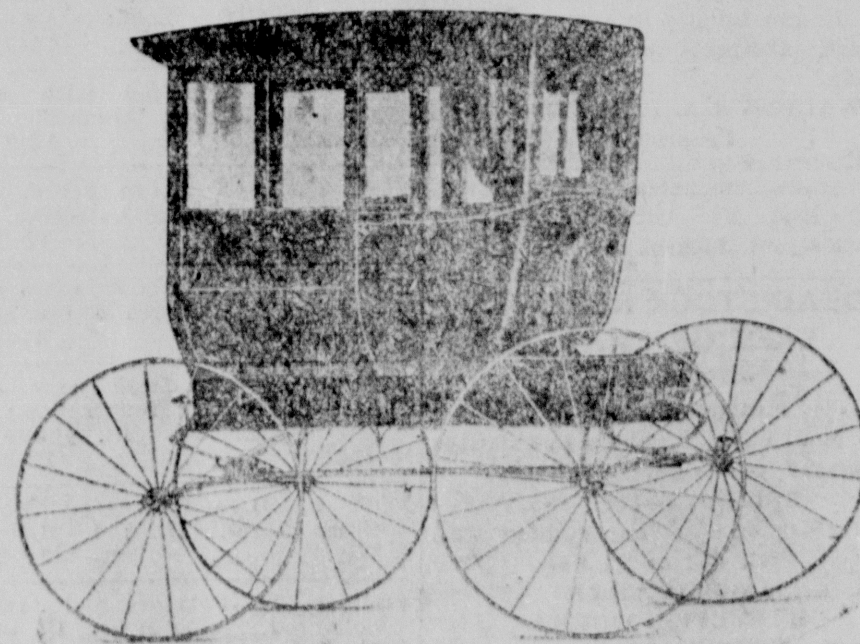
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**WILL MOVE FREIGHT
OVER SHORTEST ROUTES**

Will Come Under Traffic Pooling Plan to Be Worked Out By Secretary McAdoo.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Under the traffic pooling plan to be worked out by Secretary McAdoo as director of general railroads, freight will move over the shortest and most convenient routes regardless of individual interests of the roads. Since earnings as well as facilities will be pooled this system can be pursued to an extreme limit, officials pointed out today without endangering the revenues of any lines. Earnings will be pooled and paid on the basis of pre-war returns regardless of how much freight a railroad actually moves.

Under the government pooling plan a railroad with its lines congested will not be given more freight to handle if it appears it may add to the congestion.

Inter-state commerce commission officials will work closely with Secretary McAdoo on a comprehensive operating plan. They believe a system will not be hard to devise and that with a skeleton plan outlined railroad officials themselves can carry out details without a great deal of trouble.

Will Cut Passenger Service

Chicago, Dec. 27.—An immediate and radical curtailment of passenger service in the central west was predicted by railway men today as one of the first results of government control of the roads. Figures were given regarding the number of thru passenger trains between Chicago and some of the large terminals as follows:

Between Chicago and St. Louis thirteen trains each way.

Between Chicago and Kansas City sixteen trains each way.

Between Chicago and Omaha nineteen trains each way.

Between Chicago and St. Paul-Minneapolis sixteen trains each way.

Between Chicago and Detroit thirteen trains each way.

This tabulation considered only thru passenger trains running on

fast schedules and does not include a long list of locals.

Many of these trains are run by competing roads and some railway men predicted that their number might be cut in half without any inconvenience to the traveling public.

**PACKING INDUSTRY
INQUIRY DELAYED**

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—Members of the federal trade commission investigating the packing industry arrived from Washington late today on a train that was delayed eight hours causing a postponement of the hearing in this city until tomorrow. The inquiry here will continue thru Saturday. Francis J. Heney, special counsel for the commission announced today that Frederick H. Prince of this city, one of the organizers of the Chicago stock yards company, would not be subpoenaed to testify. He said that neither Mr. Prince nor any other of the financial leaders of the stock yards organization would be called.

**DISCUSS FARM
LABOR SHORTAGE**

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—The seed corn and farm labor shortage situation were taken up at a meeting today of representatives from all parts of Illinois and a committee co-operating with the United States food administration. It was decided to put into effect an arrangement whereby farmers in those parts of the state where the seed corn supply is inadequate will be put in touch with owners of such corn. It was also decided to make a survey of supplies.

**JEWISH MEN AND
WOMEN EXECUTED**

New York, Dec. 27.—Thirty Jewish men and women were executed by the Turkish army that surrendered Jerusalem to General Allenby December 10, according to an announcement made here today by the provisional executive committee for general Zionist affairs. Included the number massacred were some of the most prominent residents of the Holy City and its suburbs, it was stated.

A father and sister of Aaron Aaronsohn, the head of the Palestine Agricultural Experiment Station, which is subsidized by the United States department of agriculture were among the victims of the atrocity, according to the announcement. Mr. Aaronsohn is now in Washington.

The retreat of the Turks thru Gallilee, drove 1,000 Jewish survivors northward where they are in dire need. The committee has undertaken to furnish a minimum of \$30,000 monthly for their relief it was stated.

CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT

New York, Dec. 27.—Louis Davidson, proprietor of a cloth shrinking and refinishing works in this city, was locked up in the Tombs prison tonight on a charge of embezzling government property. The arrest was made in connection with the disappearance of 350 bolts of olive drab uniform cloth valued at \$50,000 which for several months had puzzled the quartermaster's department of the army. The conspiracy to steal uniform cloth is said to have been extensive, involving at least two civilian employees of the quartermaster's department and it is probable that other arrests will be made tomorrow. Books of accounts at the army building and one of the government clothing warehouses are still under examination. Detectives said they believed other sponging houses would be involved and that the cloth stolen will amount to \$500,000 in value.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS DEATH

Warsaw, Ind., Dec. 27.—Mystery surrounds the death of Mrs. George Bartholomew, who was found by her husband at their home near here today with three bullet wounds in her body and several knife cuts across her face and throat. A revolver with five empty shells and a large butcher knife were found near the body. The husband says he returned from work yesterday evening, found the house dark and all doors locked and spent the night with relatives. This morning accompanied by a neighbor, he effected entrance to the house by a skeleton key.

LAWYERS BANQUET

Chicago, Dec. 27.—America has declared war but has not yet begun to fight, Congressman Medill McCormick told members of the Illinois State Bar Association at a banquet tonight. Maclay Hoyne, of Chicago, was elected president. J. L. Decker of Decatur and J. E. Major of Hillsboro, were elected vice-president and C. E. Lauder of Monmouth, secretary-treasurer.

PLANES BROUGHT DOWN.

Rome, Dec. 27.—Austro-German airplanes have been brought down by the British and Italian forces in a big aerial battle which developed when the Teutons made an unsuccessful attempt to bomb Treviso, 16 miles north of Venice. Announcement to this effect was made officially today by the Italian war office.

MANY LIVES LOST

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 27.—Seventy members of the Greek steamer Ioannina which was recently sunk by the crew of a German submarine arrived at this port today aboard a British vessel.

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame back, rheumatism and irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder trouble in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for sworn testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv.

**NEXT QUOTA WILL NOT
BE CALLED BEFORE FEB. 15**

Men Needed Will Be Subject to New Selective Regulations Under Questionnaire.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 27.—Selectives for the national army, required to fill the first quota of the first draft will not be called up before February 15, which probably will mean that all men needed for this purpose will be subject to the new selective regulations under the questionnaire, according to a telegram to Adjutant General Dickson from the war department today.

"While boards should until they have enough men finally classified in class one, send forward promptly men selected under the old regulations to make up deficiencies in calls already made, the results of this decision will be that we shall be able to give the benefit of the new classification system to all men whose order numbers are so late as to place them within deferred percentages of the present call," the order stated.

The increment of the first quota not yet called is said to be approximately 38 per cent.

Selectives needed at once to fill vacancies at cantonments because of death or physical disability will be drafted under the old regulations, the order directs.

**BRITISH STEAMER
REPORTED SUNK**

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The British steamer, City of Nagpur, has been sunk in Delagoa Bay, Portuguese East Africa, according to a despatch to the Times from Lisbon. The passengers, numbering 259, were saved as was the cargo.

The steamer City of Nagpur, of 8,331 tons was built in Belfast in 1914. She was owned by the Ellerman line, of Liverpool, and was engaged in the eastern service.

**GERMAN CARDS ON
WATER-MARKED PAPER**

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 13 (By mail).—The various German food cards now being issued on a special water-marked paper, as protection against counterfeiting which had become a profitable business in many parts of the country. The water mark, a capital B in an octagonal frame, stretches over the entire card and is easily seen against the light.

**MANY GERMAN
CONSPIRATORS ARRESTED**

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 27.—Despatches received here from Florianopolis, Brazil, say that a large number of German conspirators have been arrested after the discovery of a plot to overthrow the local authorities. All the Germans were armed. They had been meeting at various times under the pretext that they were members of a German society.

Florianopolis is on the coast of Southern Brazil in the state of Santa Catharina. The town has a population of 20,000.

**MOVEMENTS OF GERMAN
CORSAIR ARE GIVEN**

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 27.—Brazilian papers received here today are filled with accounts of the movements of a German corsair off the Brazilian coast a few weeks ago. The newspapers assert that the mysterious vessel was identified as a German and that it unloaded an immense cargo of heavy cases at Cerqueira and Armacao. From Armacao the vessel proceeded to Calmaro where another portion of the cargo was unloaded.

The newspapers say the steamer disappeared as mysteriously as she came and that Brazilians believe she brought supplies for a submarine base.

APPROVE ATHLETICS

New York, Dec. 27.—Messages from Secretary of War Baker and Secretary of the Navy Daniels commending activity in athletics in connection with the regular army and navy training were received tonight at a meeting of the executive committee of the National Collegiate Athletic association at which Col. Palmer E. Pierce, U. S. A., presided. The messages will be read at the meeting of the association tomorrow.

MISSING SAILOR PICKED UP

New Bedford, Mass., Dec. 27.—Alfred DeMello of this city who was reported among the missing when the Jacob Jones was sunk by a German submarine was picked up by the U-Boat.

Antonio DeMello, father of the sailor today received a cablegram to that effect from the bureau of navigation at Washington. The bureau said Young DeMello has probably been taken to one of the prison camps in Germany. More detailed information as to his location is expected later.

**PLAN TO RAISE FUNDS
FOR OFFICERS.**

Chicago, Dec. 27.—A movement to raise a million dollar fund from which to make loans to equip young officers and to assist their families was launched today at a meeting of the Fort Sheridan association. More than 3,000 of the 8,000 young men trained in the two camps at Fort Sheridan need aid in the purchase of their equipment and half the families of the men who won commissions must be assisted it was said. The fund will be raised by popular subscription.

**FRENCH GOVERNMENT
TO BE REPRESENTED**

Paris, Dec. 27.—The ministry of war today notified the foreign service committee of the American Aero Club that the French government will be officially represented at the Pan-American aviation exhibition and congress to open in New York Feb. 15. The French will send thousands of photographs and several series of films showing every phase of aviation activity in modern warfare.

**NATIONWIDE SURVEY OF
FOOD WILL BE MADE**

Washington, Dec. 27.—Forty-one counties in thirty-one states and New York city have been selected by the bureau of markets for a store to store canvass as a part of the nationwide food survey to be made Dec. 31, by the bureau in co-operation with state and local agencies. All retail dealers in groceries, meat, flour and feed in the territory will be asked to fill out blanks showing how much food they have on hand on the day of the survey. Results from this canvass will be used in checking up returns to be received by mail from all dealers, manufacturers and holders of foodstuffs in all other sections of the country. The counties were selected because of the wide variety of agricultural and industrial conditions found in them. Cities located in them include, Cleveland, O.; Syracuse, N. Y.; Altoona and Butler, Pa.; Topeka, Kans.; Concord, N. H.; Walla Walla, Wash.; DeKalb, Ill., and Dallas, Texas. The counties selected include DeKalb Ill.; Park, Indiana; Johnson, Iowa; Marshall and Shawnee, Kans.; Saline, Mo.

**BAKER'S NEW WAR
COUNCIL EXTENDED**

Washington, Dec. 27.—A further step was taken by Secretary Baker today toward the extension of his new war council under the dominant war department agency on all questions relating to supply and equipment in appointing to membership on the council Colonel Palmer E. Pierce, who now represents the department on the war industries board. Colonel Pierce has been nominated to be a brigadier general. He will continue to serve on the war industries board and will bring to the daily round table discussions of the military cabinet specific knowledge of the problems dealt with by the board.

**NEGRO HOLDINGS IN
UNITED STATES LARGE**

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Negroes in the United States own approximately 20,000,000 acres of land and other property valued at \$1,000,000,000, according to Moorefield Storey, president of the National association for the advancement of colored people who addressed a conference of the association here tonight.

The war has given the negro opportunity to fight for his country, President Storey said, and the conduct of the blackman on the battlefield will prove a great benefit to the race. In referring to mob outrages of the year near Memphis and in Waco, East St. Louis and Dyersburg, President Storey said:

"This country must rank among uncivilized nations of the world, until such time as lynching is recognized as a crime, not only against the victim, but against the state."

**HEALY TAKES STAND
IN OWN DEFENSE**

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Charles E. Healy, former chief of police of Chicago, today took the witness stand in his own defense at his trial on charges of conspiracy in connection with alleged police grafting.

"I never took a dollar to protect vice or crime," he exclaimed in a sweeping denial of every charge made against him. Healy also denied he ever had telephone conversations with Tom Costello, self-confessed head of an underworld graft syndicate and the former chief's principal accuser.

Attorneys for the defense indicated they will attempt to show that Healy is the victim of a campaign of persecution.

DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Baltimore, Dec. 27.—Dr. Theodore Caldwell Jayway, professor of medicine of the Medical Staff of Johns Hopkins University, whose services in the war had been under rank of major, died today of pneumonia after six days' illness. He had done much research work for the government. Dr. Jayway was the son of the late Dr. Edward Jayway of New York and was born in 1872 in that city. He graduated at Yale in 1895, was appointed instructor in bacteriology in Columbia University and later became professor of medicine in the college of physicians and surgeons at Columbia.

**RECEIVES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
AND THANKS**

Chicago, Dec. 27.—T. P. O'Connor today received from John Redmond, M. P. leader of the Irish Nationalist party in the British parliament, a cable acknowledgment of and thanks for \$50,000 sent from America as the first installment of the fund now being raised in the United States to help the constitutional nationalist party in Ireland in its struggle against pro-German and extremist propaganda.

NEWSPAPERMAN DEAD

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 27.—Richard Wilson Knott, 68, editor and publisher of the Louisville Evening Post and of the Home and Farm, an agricultural paper, died suddenly of heart failure at 7:30 o'clock tonight while his wife read to him when he suddenly became ill. He died before the arrival of a physician.

SERVICE TERMINATED

Washington, Dec. 27.—The parcel post convention between the United States and Chile has been terminated because of Chile's refusal to accede to a request of the American post office department that she indemnify American exporters whose packages are damaged or rifled before delivery.

FIVE I. W. W. ARRESTED.

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 27.—Five more alleged I. W. W. members, including Harry Evans, who, according to the police, claimed he was an expert in handling explosives were held in the city jail today in connection with the investigation of an alleged dynamiting conspiracy. Fifty men now are being held by the police and federal authorities.

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of 25 cents will be charged, the proceeds of the game going to the Y. M. C. A. The following is the probable line up for Tuesday night:

Y. M. C. A.
Tomlinson, center.
Towle and Antrobus, forwards.
Hull, Reynolds and Hembrough, guards.

High School
Smith, center.
Harney and Reeves, forwards.
Fierke and Green, guards.
Bento and Rexroat, substitutes.

BASKETBALL AT "Y"

NEW YEAR'S NIGHT
Lovers of basket ball will be glad to learn that on New Year's night at the Y. M. C. A. there will be a matched game between the Y. M. C. A. team and the Jacksonville high school five. The game will be called at 8 o'clock and a small admission fee

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P. J. Crotty of the southeast part of the county called on city people yesterday.

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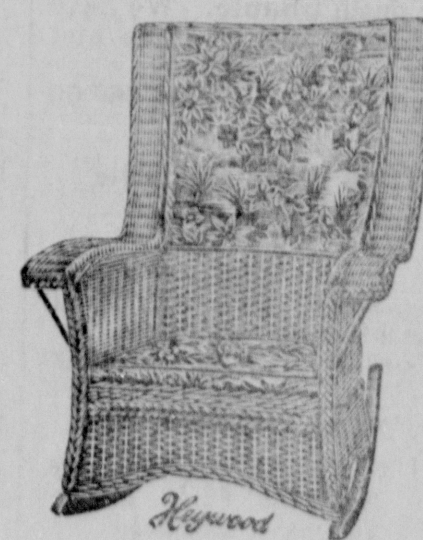
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FARMERS' CLUB TO TALK ABOUT AGENT

Meeting Called for Saturday Afternoon for Conference—Several Men Under Consideration.

For some weeks past the advisory council of the Morgan County Farmers' club has been considering applications of men who are desirous of taking the position of county agent here. A number of men have been investigated after they had been recommended by the state department. The council has proceeded very carefully in this matter, with the full realization that the success of the crop improvement work in this county will depend very largely on the man chosen as agent and who will inaugurate the work.

In order to have the question fully discussed by all members of the club a call has been issued by C. S. Black, president, and H. J. Rice, secretary, for a meeting to be held at the court house next Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Members of the executive and advisory committees are to attend and the call is issued in such form that all members may also be present. It is quite likely that the council will make a recommendation at this meeting of a man who seems to them most suitable.

At any rate the whole question will be threshed out in a thorough and frank way which will give all members of the club an opportunity to express their views. As stated in times past, neither the federal or state governments select county agents but they do submit the names of the men who will have their approval if appointed. As is now generally understood, any man appointed county agent must meet certain requirements of preparation both in practical and theoretical farming outlined by the government in its agreement to pro-

vide a part of the funds necessary for the maintenance of a crop improvement association.

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ARTHUR BALL TURNED LOOSE

Arthur Ball who was sent to jail a few days ago on the charge of attempting to steal chickens belonging to Dan Kelly, custodian of Nichols park, was released Thursday. Ball was sent to jail in default of \$200 bond. The state's attorney after an investigation decided that he did not have sufficient evidence to hold Ball. Justice Dyer who had fixed his bond and remanded him to jail did not feel that he should turn him loose. Finally Sheriff Grant settled the matter by telling Ball to go as he did not want him. The Sheriff in releasing Ball cautioned him to mend his ways and it is probable that his escapade will have a good effect upon him.

Misses, Nellie and Frances Grant have returned to their duties in Chicago after a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Grant of this city.

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FURTHER HEARING IN MASON CASE

Complainants in Partition Suit Seek to Show Existence of Ante-Nuptial Contract—Jury Trial Will Be Necessary—Court Orders.

The most important case heard by Judge Smith in the circuit court yesterday was that of Albert Dean vs. Charles Dean, partition. This case involves the estate of the late William Mason and it is the effort of the complainants to prove an anti-nuptial contract was made by the deceased with his wife, Maria C. Mason, providing that she would accept \$50,000 in lieu of all other interest in his estate.

It has not been shown that this contract is now in existence and an effort is being made by some of the relatives of Mr. Mason to prove such a contract was entered into even if it cannot be located. It is their claim that the alleged contract is either lost or destroyed and Mrs. Mason maintains that no such contract was ever entered into.

The inventory filed in the estate of Mr. Mason revealed the fact that he was one of the wealthiest men in Morgan county and had extensive realty holdings both in Morgan and Scott counties. J. O. Priest of Jacksonville, T. J. Priest of Winchester, and M. R. Nevins of Carlinville are attorneys for the complainants and the defendants are represented by Judge Owen P. Thompson and Paul P. Thompson and John M. Butler.

In the case of Thomas Walsh vs. Central Illinois Public Service company a motion for new trial was denied. Defendant excepted and an appeal was asked and granted upon filing a bond in the sum of \$600.

Chancery

People of the State of Illinois vs. John Frank et al. Defendant prayed an appeal to the supreme court. Bond of \$100 to be filed in 30 days and certificate of evidence filed in 30 days.

The Mauvaisterre Drainage and Levee district vs. John Frank et al. leave to defendants to answer to by January 12.

John B. Ratliff vs. E. E. Crabtree et al. partition. Master's report approved.

Manilla E. Richards vs. Clarence J. Richards, separate maintenance. Evidence heard and decree granted.

Sarah Vedder vs. George Vedder, divorce. Attachment ordered to return forthwith.

Albert Dean vs. Charles Dean, partition. Amendment to bill and leave to answer.

Claude C. Graham vs. Augustus Graham, divorce. Decree granted and cause stricken.

Charles L. Foster vs. James C. Foster, divorce. Decree approved and cause stricken.

Robert Miskell vs. William N. Miskell, divorce. Attachment to issue.

Adele Armstrong vs. Elizabeth Coffman, et al. foreclosure. Master's report of sale filed and resale ordered.

25 cents worth or more for every quarter you spend at our 12th annual grab sale, Friday morning, Dec. 28th. You may get the \$15.00 White Ivory set. Armstrong Drug Store, S. W. corner square.

FALSE FIRE ALARM

The department responded to a false fire alarm at 8:25 o'clock Thursday evening from East Chambers street. The party who gave the alarm said the fire was between Hardin avenue and the Chicago and Alton railroad on East Chambers street. When the department made the run the fire was unable to find any sign of fire. It is not known who turned in the alarm.

Mrs. Harold Strawn of Alexander was among the arrivals in the city yesterday.

THRIFT STAMP PLAN CLEARLY EXPLAINED

F. A. Vanderlip Points Out That Raising Two Billion Dollars by Stamp Sales Only One Purpose of the Government.

City and rural mail carriers will do much of the selling of thrift stamps and savings certificates, according to the plan outlined by the treasury department, and in this county the carriers are already entering enthusiastically into the movement. The men of course receive no extra pay or commissions for their work and are merely acting as agents for the government in this patriotic effort. The government is seeking not only to raise \$2,000,000,000 by the thrift stamp movement but is hoping that the results will be even more important in that habits of thrift may be taught to the people and the lesson impressed upon them that if this war is won by the allies that there must be definite economies along certain lines.

In the current issue of the Independent, F. A. Vanderlip, who is chairman of the national war savings committee, has an article on the subject, "Financing the War—Your Job and Mine." In this article in which Mr. Vanderlip points out the reasons for economies and what will be accomplished by these economies, a very succinct statement about thrift stamps is given. In a few paragraphs this banker with a national reputation explains just what the thrift stamp movement means and how the plan works out. Mr. Vanderlip says:

The Lesson of Thrift

"I want to say something to you about the particular line of work that I am now engaged in because I believe if it is properly presented to the public it is going to be the medium of teaching this lesson of thrift that the government wants, this lesson of national economy, which will prevent every person, no matter what his personal economic position may be, from buying a thing which unnecessarily employs labor. The secretary of the treasury has asked congress to authorize an issue of war savings certificates. He had the experience of England, which had undertaken an issue of war savings certificates with very considerable success, and congress was asked to authorize something similar to the English issue. The legislation was contained in the last June's loan bill. The secretary is authorized to issue war savings certificates, and it is provided that they shall not exceed an amount of \$2,000,000,000; that they shall run for five years and that no person may hold over \$1000. The rest is left to the discretion of the secretary.

A Simple Saving Plan

"The plan which has been devised and which has met with the secretary's approval is going to offer to the American people, I believe, the simplest form for savings that was ever presented to a people; and certainly none was ever presented with a stronger security for it is the obligation of the United States that is being offered. The plan is to sell the obligation in the form of a large stamp which will be attached to a certificate. The value of the obligation is measured by the number of the stamps that are attached in the twenty places on the certificate, and there are places for twenty stamps of this series of 1918 war savings stamps. The maturity of all of these will be five years from the first of January. The price of which it will be sold will vary, increasing each month. For the advance sale in December and for the month of January the price is \$4.12, and it advances during the year a penny each month so that in next December it is \$4.23. Now the average price at which these stamps are sold, if calculated at 4 per cent compound interest quarterly, will amount to \$5 at the end of the period, and that is what will be given in redemption of the stamps on the first of January, 1923.

The Plan in Detail

"When the purchaser buys his first stamp, he is given this certificate, his name and address inscribed on it and the stamp attached to the first place on the certificate. He now has got the incentive to go on to fill this by putting twenty stamps on the remaining spaces, the value of which at maturity is \$100. But whether he puts any more stamps on or not, all his rights are the same. That is to say for each stamp he holds at maturity he will receive \$5. But if in the exigencies of life it is necessary for him to get his money before the date of maturity the government offers to give it to him. He can get it at any post office in the United States on ten days' notice. The price at which the government will redeem is printed on the certificate, a rising price each month, so that the small investor is put in the situation of owning a security that cannot go down.

The Most Important Point

"Now that is going to raise, I think, \$2,000,000,000. That is pretty important, but it does not look as important as it used to because we are growing used to these billion dollar units. But I believe that is one of the least important of three things it is going to do. More important than the \$2,000,000,000 is the habit of thrift which this is going to instill into this splendid people. These stamps are going to be the easiest article to buy in the United States, and I cannot but believe this system will strongly tend to build up habits of thrift.

"But that is not the most important thing. The most important thing is to win this war, and to do this we have got to get into the minds of the people that they must save; that it is going to be financed out of the savings of the future, that it is going to be won in the workshops by the industries, and that they must be relieved from doing unnecessary things. This is the great lesson that I believe these war savings certificates will carry to the whole people, and the measure in which that lesson is learned, the measure by which we release the workshops to the work of the war,

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MYERS BROTHERS.

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will be the measure of our efficiency in fighting the war."

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S. A. FAIRBANK HAS RETURNED

S. A. Fairbank has returned home after a visit with his son, Prof. F. J. Fairbank at Northfield, Minnesota. His wife and sister, Miss Georgia, will remain for a longer visit. Mr. Fairbank's son is treasurer and financial manager of Carlton college and is a power in the state and he is rearing a son to follow his footsteps. Mr. Fairbank says he has no hesitation in saying that Fred's son is the very best grandchild he has.

The visitors found it very cold away up north but it is dryer than here so that it is not felt nearly as much as in this part of the country. Prof. Fairbank has charge of the affairs of the institution and has to see to it that there is enough coal and one of the trustees is a director in the Nokomis, Ill., mine the college gets its fuel directly from the shaft and uses mine run, in cold weather three cars a week.

Carlton College is co-educational and has something like half a thousand students but it has suffered by the war as it is very patriotic. Mr. Fairbank saw lots of corn being husked as he passed thru Iowa and other parts of the country and found them suffering from poor quality as here.

12th annual grab sale commences Friday morning at 9 o'clock. 25c a grab. Armstrong Drug Store, S. W. corner of square.

FROZEN SAND BLOCKS PAVING WORK

Paving work was resumed between the railroad tracks on West State street yesterday and brick laid from Westminster street to a point just west of Pine street. However, it was understood last night that the work will not be continued unless the weather becomes much warmer. The work progressed under difficulties yesterday. The sand is frozen and thus was not in the right condition for quick work or a good job. It is quite likely that the brick will be put in straight piles and no further effort made to do the paving until spring weather comes.

WILL ERECT ANOTHER HOUSE

Charles Rabjohns recently purchased from John N. Ward the lot at the northwest corner of Prospect street and West College avenue and will erect a residence there. Mr. Rabjohns owns the property which adjoins this lot on the north. He is the owner of four or five houses on Westminster and Prospect streets, in addition to other residence properties in the east part of Jacksonville, and has found the renting of houses here a satisfactory form of investment.

Mrs. Edward Hill of Lynnhaven called on city friends yesterday.

FUNERAL

Sibert.

Funeral services for Ernest M. Sibert were held from the residence, 1236 South East street Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock in charge of the Rev. E. B. Lendis, pastor of Westminster church. Miss Anna Long sang a solo. Burial was in Diamond Grove cemetery the bearers being Edward Elmore, Herman Ellis, Thad Wiseman, Frank Bourn, J. A. Walters and Alfred Leake, all members of the mail service associated with Mr. Sibert.

Schurz.

Funeral services for Frank A. Schurz were held at the Church of Our Savior Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock in charge of the Rev. F. P. Pernaz. Interment was in Calvary cemetery and the bearers were: L. P. O'Donnell, Thomas Duffner, John Wagner, John Hagel, Edward Cox and P. J. Shanahan.

Those from a distance were: Mrs. N. Schurz, N. Hinsberger and son, Edwin L. Hinsberger and F. Horsch, and Miss Susan Herber from Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Otto Frey, Miss Julia Frey, from Springfield, Mrs. Alvin Edson, Beardsown, Mrs. A. L. Muesterfering from East St. Louis, Miss Elizabeth Zeller, Alexander.

VISITOR FROM LITTLE ROCK.

William Myers of Little Rock, Ark., is visiting his friend, George Brown, the contractor, on East College avenue. Mr. Myers was formerly employed in the car shops in the city but for a time has been in the shops of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern road at the capital of Arkansas. He has been visiting a son at Springfield and came down here for a short stay expecting to leave today. He says things are progressing well in the south and the people are getting ahead. They have a large cantonment near Little Rock and another 25 miles distant, is to be prepared in the near future.

A FINE DISPLAY OF MOVING PICTURES.

The free kindergarten benefit given at Scott's moving picture theater yesterday afternoon and evening was a display of exceptionally fine moving pictures. The same program will be repeated this afternoon and evening. All persons who want to aid a worthy cause and enjoy a fine show can order tickets by calling Ill. phone 1481 or Bell 537 and they will be delivered or tickets can be bought of the solicitors.

WILL ENTERTAIN LODGE.

This evening Mrs. O. H. Cook, Mrs. J. L. Pine, Miss Minnie Scott and Miss Ethel Reeve will be hostesses to the members of Rebekah Lodge No. 13 at the regular meeting. The ladies made the announcement at the last meeting and the members are looking forward to a pleasant evening.

MANY HOLIDAY VISITORS IN BLUFFS

Young People at Home for Christmas Vacation Period—Hunt Sargent Recovering from Long Illness.

Bluffs, Dec. 27.—Miss Faye Reese, who is teaching in the Adrian College in Adrian, Mich., is spending the holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Reese.

Miss Margaret Daniels of LaBelle, Mo., who has been here for the past two months will return to her home Saturday. Miss Lucile Lemons will accompany her for a short visit to that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pyle spent Christmas with his brother, Harry Pyle and family of Clayton.

Miss Mazie Carlton of Winchester is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Carlton.

Lucien Hale and wife, who have been visiting here for several days returned to their home in Granite City Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. K. White of Keokuk, Ia., arrived Thursday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. White.

Charles Nyhart left for several weeks' visit with his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Hamman and family of East St. Louis.

A. McDonald of Denver, Colo., is spending the holidays with the M. E. Bennett household.

Thomas McCullom, wife and baby are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McCullom and family.

Roy Beird of Bloomington came down for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Beird.

Hunt Sargent, who has been confined to his room for almost two months, suffering from a severe attack of sciatic rheumatism is able to be out again.

WILL EXEMPLIFY WORK IN PEORIA

At the regular meeting of Macon County Council degree of Poehontas held Thursday evening an invitation was accepted from Peoria to exemplify the degrees of the order there. The degrees will be given in conjunction with a school of instruction to be held in that city some time the latter part of January, the date to be settled later. The degree was given to one candidate at last night's session. Following the business session a social hour was enjoyed and refreshments served.

Audrey Larson of Christopher expected to return to his duties with the Burlington railroad in that city after a brief visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Larson.

RECEIVED BOX FROM SON

Mrs. Thomas Willerton of East College avenue received a box from her son, Bryan Willerton, who is now at San Francisco, Calif. The box contained all kinds of nuts, figs, grapes and a fruit cake such as is seldom seen in this country. The box arrived the day before Christmas and it is needless to say it was appreciated.

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